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INDO-CHINA SITUATION CAUSING CONCERN

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FRENCH REQUEST AID

Bangkok, February 14.

The United States Far East diplomatic conference focussed its attention on the explosive Indo-China situation where the East West cold war is threatening to boil over, the United Press learned today.

Twelve killed in Saigon grenade blast

Saigon, February 14.
Twelve people were killed when Vietminh guerrillas threw a grenade into a crowd celebrating the Franco-Vietnamese agreement ratification.

Six guerrillas were arrested.—Associated Press.

Scandinavian Premiers hold secret meeting

Stockholm, February 14.
The Premiers of Norway, Denmark and Sweden met secretly for 11 hours at Hamnstad in Western Sweden yesterday and reliable sources said they probably discussed the reports that Russia is planning to revoke its treaty of friendship with Finland.

Premier Hans Hedtoft of Denmark, Premier Einar Gerhardsen of Norway and Prier Torge Erlander of Sweden arrived at Hamnstad at 9 a.m. and almost immediately went into conference. The conference ended at 8 p.m.

The informants said that the Premiers also probably discussed a new Scandinavian Ministers meeting during the talk.

AIRMEN HELD AS HOSTAGES

New Delhi, February 14.
Two Englishmen and one Indian airman are being held as "hostages" by the Pakistan Government, the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, told Parliament here today.

He said they were members of the crew of a plane belonging to the Indian Civil Airline which made a forced landing in East Pakistan at the end of December. They were being detained against payment of compensation to the families of 11 Pakistan nationals killed on the ground when the plane landed.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 6:00 GMT (2 p.m. HKT) the depression over the Eastern Sea has deepened and moved to the S. of Kwangtung. It is continuing moving ENE and deepening. Pressure remains high over China and Japan with NE monsoon prevailing over the adjacent seas.

Today's Forecast: Moderate, fresh or strong locally, N or NE winds, cloudy, continuous rain.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 72.5 deg. F.
Minimum: 67.5 deg. F.
Rainfall: 0.1 in. (0.01 in. in 1st 1/2 in. of day).
Jan. 1-7: 0.8 in. (2.77 in. in 1st 1/2 in. of day).
Readings at:—
Hong Kong: 70.0-71.5 deg. F.
Shanghai: 64.0-65.0 deg. F.
Beijing: 55.0-56.0 deg. F.
Tientsin: 55.0-56.0 deg. F.
Kobe: 55.0-56.0 deg. F.
Yokohama: 55.0-56.0 deg. F.
Manila: 70.0-71.5 deg. F.
Singapore: 70.0-71.5 deg. F.
Batavia: 70.0-71.5 deg. F.
Sourabaya: 70.0-71.5 deg. F.
Buenos Aires: 60.0-61.0 deg. F.
Rio de Janeiro: 60.0-61.0 deg. F.
Sao Paulo: 60.0-61.0 deg. F.
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A pair of old campaigners



Mr. Winston Churchill gives a friendly pat on the shoulder to boxer Freddie Mills at Paddington station. Freddie was among the people gathered to see Mr. Churchill off to Cardiff to address a mass meeting of 50,000 people as part of his election campaign.—(AP Photo)

Red attempt to land on Namoa foiled

Taipei, February 14.

The Defence Ministry today claimed the Nationalists had foiled an attempt by about 100 Communists to infiltrate into Namoa Island off Swatow.

The attempt was made on Friday. Namoa is a Nationalist naval and air base.

It also serves as a centre for supplies smuggled to the mainland for use by Nationalist guerrillas.

The Ministry said the attempt to land in Namoa was made from the Communist-held island of Hail Shan (Sea Mountain) near Swatow.

It also claimed that Nationalist guerrillas were extremely active on San Kuo Chiao (Triangle Island) in the Pearl River delta near Canton.

The Reds dispatched two regiments of their 44th Army to the island as reinforcements.

The Ministry quoted intelligence reports for a claim that inhabitants of Shanghai scrambled eagerly for leaflets which Nationalist planes dropped a few days ago.

The leaflets denounced the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, as a bandit who was selling his country to Russia, and called on the people of Red China to rise in revolt against him.

The Ministry said the leaflets were "extremely well received."

Critical weeks

Official military despatches today predicted the next two weeks will be critical for the big South China island of Hainan.

Fog shrouded the Nationalist-held island. Official sources pointed out that the Japanese used this period of the year when they captured the island at the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war.

The military reports estimated the Communists had 100,000 troops ready to invade Hainan. They are expected to strike from a number of widely scattered points on the adjacent mainland.

Nationalists said if the Reds failed to invade Hainan in the next two weeks they may be bogged down for months to come.

Military sources said small groups of Reds had managed to infiltrate into the island in the past month. They joined emboldened Reds in Hainan's mountainous centre. These military sources admitted further Red infiltrations might endanger Hainan from within.

Li's return urged

Members of the powerful Supreme Council have urged Acting President Li Tsung-jen, at present recuperating in the United States from an operation, to speed his return to Taiwan the official "Central Daily News" reported today.

The Supreme Council was set up last July to direct the Nationalists' battle against the Chinese Communists. The Chairman of the Council is Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and President Li is his deputy.

The newspaper said the appeal was made in a joint cable to President Li from the Nationalist Government in the United States. It said the appeal was made because of the long stay in the United States. Earlier appeals had gone unanswered and there have been demands for his return.

Swede sentenced for spying

Stockholm, February 14.

A Swedish businessman, Goesta Mitling Lefler, was found guilty of espionage today and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment.

Lefler, a former Swedish army captain and member of a well-known Swedish family, was found guilty by a magistrate's court of attempting to sell to a foreign diplomat a map showing the not a word of power plants in Sweden.

He pleaded innocent and said information on the map could be obtained from encyclopedias.

The judge ruled that the systematic mapping and compiling of facts about the plants clearly proved it was done for "spying purposes."

The foreign diplomat involved was not named in the trial.

Lefler was arrested last summer when the diplomat rejected his offer of the map and reported him to the defence staff.

Lefler is a nephew of the well-known mathematician, Goesta Mitling Lefler.—United Press.

Warship trails ss. Flying Independent

Aboard the ss. Flying Independent, February 14.

A small, unidentified warship began trailing the Flying Independent today as this transportation line freighter entered the Taiwan Straits.

The warship, which was presumed to be Chinese Nationalist, attempted to establish blinker communication with the Flying Independent about 10 a.m.

The signal was not answered and the heavy seas prevented actual interception, if such was intended. The war vessel continued to follow this ship from about five miles astern.

(Flying Independent, sister ship of the Flying Arrow which was fired upon recently off Shanghai, sailed from Manila for Hong Kong on January 30. En route to Hong Kong part of her cargo caught fire. The Flying Independent is carrying cargo for Communist China but her destination was not revealed when she left Hong Kong).—United Press.

CEYLON DETAINS NATIONALIST SHIP

Ceylon, February 14.

The Ceylon authorities have detained the 3,618-ton Chinese Nationalist cargo ship, Union Pioneer, at the request of the United States Embassy here.

The Union Pioneer, now lying in Colombo Harbour, is one of the 42 American merchant ships sold to the Chinese Nationalist Government on which America claims mortgages are still outstanding.

The Union Pioneer is the fifth Nationalist ship to be detained at the request of the American Government in a week. The 7,607-ton Chungking Victory was held at Aden yesterday. Last month the American State Department instructed its Consuls in the Far East to detain these ships to prevent them falling into Communist hands.

Meanwhile, in Brisbane, Australia, the Nationalists today successfully challenged in the Supreme Court the power of the United States to issue a writ against the Chinese ship Union Star, adds United Press.

Judge Philip ordered the writ and other writs against the ship and other Nationalist vessels.

SPITFIRE CRASHES ON LANTAO ISLAND

A Royal Air Force Spitfire fighter plane crashed on the peak of Lantau Island yesterday, killing the pilot.

At noon yesterday, three Spitfires took off from Kai Tak on a routine flight. Two of them returned a half-an-hour later and reported the third as missing.

This touched off an intensive air-sea search by units of the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and the United States Navy. A helicopter off the American aircraft carrier, USS Boxer, sighted the crashed plane late yesterday afternoon and directed a Royal Navy launch to the site. The broken body of the pilot was returned to Hong Kong last night. His name is being withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

Navy aids search

The Royal Navy immediately dispatched four destroyers, two frigates, four motor launches and two motor fishing launches to scour the Lantau-Hong Kong area.

The Royal Air Force sent out more than 20 Spitfires and Sunderland Flying boat to assist in the search.

Police launches also joined in the search. The destroyers were Constance, Charley and Concock. Two frigates, which joined the search were Morecombe Bay and Whitehead Bay.

The pilot of the American helicopter was Lieutenant-Commander Edwin Conant of San Diego, California.

Informed of crash

The commander of a Navy motor launch, Lieutenant J.E. Cooper, relayed information to the crash took place from a group of Chinese who were on a sampans near Lantau Island late yesterday afternoon.

The commander, who had been ordered to assist in the search for the missing plane, reported that by the use of sign language he understood that a plane had crashed near the peak of the island.

In the meantime, the helicopter had confirmed the report of the crash, and Lieutenant Cooper led a landing party on to Lantau Island.

Scaled peak

The party split into two groups, and scaled the peak of Lantau from two directions.

A seaman, Peter Dawkins, first sighted pieces of twisted and burnt metal which was spread over an area 400 yards long and 20 feet wide.

At the end of this area were the charred ruins of the plane's engine, and the broken body of the pilot.

The landing party quickly placed the pilot's remains in a stretcher, and returned to the motor launch for the trip back to Hong Kong.

They arrived late last night.

Bishop hits U.S. policy in China

Atlanta, February 14.

Private correspondence of Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, released today, criticised U.S. policy in China.

The Bishop, now on a Far Eastern tour of Christianity's outpost, wrote:

"Why America should fall to support Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in his struggle against atheistic Communism and thus allow the Soviets to overrun all China is a question I cannot answer."

"To fight Communism in Europe," he continued, "and give it no opposition in Asia looks to me like stupidity. Democracy and Christianity will have to fight for their very existence if Russia is allowed to consolidate her gains in China."

The letter, written after a two-hour dinner and interview with Chiang, concluded: "I came back to the ship wishing desperately that even yet England and America might be more realistic about affairs in China."

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Workers' debts discussed at Arbitration Tribunal

How the Rehabilitation Allowance and Food and Fuel Index came into existence, and how they were computed, were explained by Major H. F. G. Chauvin, Labour Officer, to the Dairy Farm Arbitration Tribunal yesterday.

There were no further questions on the workers' cost of living budget yesterday, as the rest of the time was taken up on the question of debts alleged to have been incurred by the workers at a high rate of interest.

Professor R. Robertson, the sole Arbitrator, who presided, said the matter of these debts was irrelevant to the proceedings and that the Tribunal would not go into a long drawn-out discussion about this matter.

At the outset of the proceedings yesterday Professor Robertson said that on the question of debts he did not intend to pursue further the matter raised at the previous day's meeting.

"The matter is in itself irrelevant to the enquiry we are holding. However, we shall be prepared to receive evidence from workers either by word of mouth or in writing, as to the debts they may have incurred. It is the amount of these debts and the interest charged, with which we are concerned, rather than the persons from whom they have been contracted," explained the Arbitrator.

Professor Robertson then said he had asked a Labour Officer representative to attend the meeting.

"My purpose in asking a representative of the Labour Office here is to receive from him information about the method by which the Rehabilitation Allowance is computed, and the relationship between it and the Food and Fuel Index. I propose with your permission, to take his evidence first before proceeding."

Major H. F. G. Chauvin, Labour Officer, then gave the Tribunal the history of the Rehabilitation Allowance and the Food and Fuel Index. He said:

"The Government Statistician sends his inspectors to different markets in the Colony to make investigations as to cost of food. These markets are the Central Market, the Western Market, the Wanchai Market and the Yau-mat Market. Other shops and stalls are also subject to investigation."

Three times weekly

"These investigations are carried out three times a week, and the result is forwarded to the Labour Office as a sheet showing the average prices in the different localities. When these figures are received by the Labour Office, calculations are made to apply them to the Food and Fuel Index."

Major Chauvin then handed the Arbitrator, the assessors, and the representatives of both sides, a copy of the sheet.

"This sheet of paper," he went on, "is a specimen calculation of the application of the Government Statistician's figures to our own Food and Fuel Index."

"This Food and Fuel Index is a scale provided by the Medical Department which is used before the war."

"In the calculation for use, 315 cabbages per acre, and 54 cents a catty. That gives in this example the figure of \$1.70. There is still a small amount of official ration flour of 7 catty at 50 cents a catty. That makes 35 cents. The rest of the rice is 3.33 cents. The price of this 3.33 cents, upon market rice is figured on the average of the two upper figures given to us by the Government Statistician."

"The Government Statistician gives figures for three different grades of rice. Our calculations are made on the average of the first two."

"If you look further down the paper you will see the total of 7.2 cents of rice and flour costing \$5.10100."

"For the rest of the components which make up the Food and Fuel Index, the quantities originally provided by the Medical Department are priced according to the figures given by the Government Statistician. In this case you will see the total for February 11, 1950, is \$14.6000."

"These figures are obtained every week. On an average four weeks are taken, and the four figures are added together and divided by four. This gives the average figure of four weeks of the Food and Fuel Index."

"Sometimes it is necessary to take five weeks, because four weeks do not fit into one month of 30 or 31 days."

"Four or five weeks are always taken when the Food and Fuel Index is steady or increasing."

"If the Food and Fuel Index is falling, then, if necessary, longer periods than four weeks are taken in order that the drop during each month of the index."

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Rehabilitation Allowance shall not exceed \$3. This decision was taken by a meeting of employers and workers when prices are falling.

"When the average figure for the Food and Fuel Index has been obtained, it is related to the Rehabilitation Allowance by means of the figures on this paper."

Paper handed in

This paper showing the calculation was then handed to the Arbitrator by Major Chauvin.

Professor Robertson, reading the paper to the assessors, said what was being done was to relate the Food and Fuel Index to the Rehabilitation Allowance.

Major Chauvin, proceeding, said reference to the left-hand column of the paper would show figures which altered by 50 cents. Supposing that the average figure of the Food and Fuel Index is \$14.50, and if one would look at the left-hand column and find the column in between \$14.50 and \$14.99, one would find in the columns to the right all the figures for the Rehabilitation Allowance.

Here Mr. Leung Wing interrupted and asked permission to hand in a letter, but the Arbitrator said he would finish with Major Chauvin first.

"Towards the end of 1945," continued Major Chauvin, "the sub-committee of the Labour Advisory Board advised on the Rehabilitation Allowance. This was agreed to and incorporated in the Civil Affairs Administration's Circular No. 67."

"At this time the standard of the Rehabilitation Allowance was \$42 a month for a male."

"In 1946, consequent upon the strike of employees of the Hong Kong Electric Company, the Rehabilitation Allowance was re-examined by a full meeting of employees which included Government, and the Rehabilitation Allowance was increased by 100 per cent. This raised the figure to \$84 a month."

"Since then there has been no alteration, and the present reckoner which I have just handed in gives the present method of calculation."

The Arbitrator asked if anybody wished to ask Major Chauvin questions, but as members had not had an opportunity as yet of studying the reckoner, it was decided that copies would first be circulated to the assessors and the representatives of both sides, and leave questions on it to be asked at a future meeting.

Major Chauvin was then given permission to leave.

Professor Robertson then announced that the Tribunal would proceed from where it left off the previous day, and asked Mr. Thomson whether he wished to put forward matter arising out of the workers' cost of living budget.

Before Mr. Thomson spoke, however, Professor Robertson, he had forgotten that Mr. Leung wanted to hand in a document, and that he would now be prepared to receive it.

Workers' debts

Mr. Leung, handing in the document, said that Mr. Thomson had the previous day given evidence to the effect that on the question of the debts incurred by the workers the workers' representatives had

brought false information. The letter he was presenting was in rebuttal of such allegation.

Professor Robertson said he had already made clear at the beginning of the proceedings that in so far as the Tribunal was concerned at the moment, this matter of debts, as raised at the last meeting, was strictly not relevant to the enquiry.

He noticed, however, that a release in Chinese was being handed to the Press table, whereupon he told Mr. Leung that all documents handed in to the Tribunal must go through the Arbitrator, and nothing should be handed direct to the Press.

"But the release is just a copy of the letter I am handing to you," replied Mr. Leung.

"But you must not give the letter or any document to the Press. It must be given to the Tribunal only. I ask therefore that this release to the Press must be given 'back to me,'" said the Arbitrator.

"I ask the Arbitrator to read our letter to the meeting, since he has read out the letter handed in by Mr. Thomson yesterday," insisted Mr. Leung.

Professor Robertson insisted that the letter released to the Press be withdrawn first.

"It is a matter of procedure, I must insist," he explained.

However, no move was made to withdraw the Press release whereupon Professor Robertson remarked that the Press would not use the release.

"I ask the Arbitrator to announce this letter," again insisted Mr. Leung.

Professor Robertson replied that first he must have the letter to the Press withdrawn and handed over to him.

"It is a matter of proper procedure. I have a right to ask the Press to withdraw it, I say, while not to use that letter," added Professor Robertson.

"If we withdraw this letter, will the Arbitrator read out the letter?" asked Mr. Leung.

Asks for letter

"I do not think Mr. Leung understands fully the nature of these proceedings. All I am asking is that before I proceed to deal with this letter, the copy given to the Press should be returned to me. I think it will shorten the proceedings if I just ask the Press to hand the letter over to me," said Professor Robertson.

"I feel that the Arbitrator is biased in this matter," said Mr. Leung.

"I am sorry to hear Mr. Leung say this, but as matter stands at present I wish him to understand that any letter presented to this Tribunal must go through my hands. I ask the Press to ignore the letter handed to them, and I am sure they will agree to do this. All I want before I deal with this letter is to have that Press release brought to me," said Professor Robertson.

The official interpreter then walked over to the Press table and took away the Press release.

Mr. Leung then addressed the Arbitrator saying Mr. Cheuk Tam-on's letter, handed in by Mr. Thomson in the previous day, was read to the Tribunal, and asking why the letter now presented could not be similarly announced.

"I have not yet said that I cannot announce this letter," replied Professor Robertson. "I have only said that I will not proceed to deal with this letter until I had copies given to the Press, delivered up to me. It was just a matter of following proper procedure. This letter is in Chinese, and before I can decide further on it I must have a translation made. I shall adjourn this meeting until I have had an opportunity of seeing a translation of this letter."

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EXTENSION OF BUSINESS HOURS

Patrons are requested to note that our business hours are extended on the following days before Chinese New Year:—

Today (Feb. 15th) closed at 8.00 p.m.

Tomorrow (Chinese New Year Eve) closed at 8.30 p.m.

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False alarm

A telephone call to the Central Police Station at 12.10 p.m. yesterday by the Telephone Company sent the Emergency Unit and detectives rushing to the branch office of the Bank of Canton at 10, Bonham Strand, West. It was reported that an armed robbery had taken place at the Bank but on arrival it was discovered to be a false alarm.

Mao-Stalin example not followed

While Joseph Stalin and Mao Tse-tung, leaders of the two Communist regimes, are dining and conferring in Moscow, their followers in Hong Kong have hitherto maintained a strict non-fraternisation silence.

They are seen aboard the three Russian freighters and 11 Chinese ships now riding at anchor in Hong Kong waters.

Whatever liaison they may have is normally through the office of a telephone.

The Chinese Communists prize the China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company, who defected in mid-January in the Colony. It was officially reported yesterday that since the hoisting of the Five Star flag no connection has been made with visiting Russian seamen or officials in Hong Kong.

"We have no cause to get together for the time being," a high-ranking official declared.

Asked whether there were plans to arrange meetings or a get-together for the seamen he replied that no such arrangements have been contemplated.

The Russian freighters, which make irregular visits to Hong Kong plying from the Vladivostok-Northern China route, are the Altan, Poltava and Surikov.

Most of the personnel speak only Russian. Some officers have a knowledge of English.

SHANGHAI KEDAH ANNUAL MEETING

Crops harvested on the two Malayan estates of the Shanghai Kedah Plantations, Limited, in the year ended December last exceeded the original estimate by 178,532 pounds.

This was announced at yesterday's annual general meeting of shareholders of the company. The estimate for the year was 2,440,932 pounds.

Mr. J. K. Brand, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said in his annual report that the year's working showed an all-round improvement on the previous year.

He added that the two estates have been free of bandit activity and the manager's wife and child returned in April to Poya Kamunting to resume residence on the estate.

Though conditions have improved, they are still far from normal and constant care must be exercised.

The profit for the year amounted to \$246,028.65 which, together with the balance brought forward from the last account of \$18,709.56 and a small over provision of \$605.04, makes a total of \$275,142.25 for appropriation.

The Directors recommended an increase in the dividend to 35 cents a share, and the proposed transfer of \$100,000 to Reserves has already been referred to.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. J. K. Brand (Chairman),

Gov't rice theft hearing continues

That Ho Wai-lam, alias William, former cargo supervisor of the Rice Section of the Department of Supplies and Distribution, charged with the theft of 130 bags of Government rice, was not at the scene at the time of the alleged crime was the evidence given by two of his co-defendants at the continued hearing before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

The witnesses, Cheung Lun, cook at the Hip Yick Rice Depot, and Cheung Kwan, fook at the Depot, charged with aiding and abetting in the theft of the rice from go-down 38B of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, in Jordan Road last September 23, said that they did not see Ho until shortly after 4 p.m. on the day in question.

Both witnesses refuted the prosecution's allegation that the former cargo supervisor was met by his chauffeur at the scene shortly after 3 p.m.

The witnesses, represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart, said that they knew of nothing improper in the movement of rice from the go-down to two rice shops in Shanghai Street.

They claimed that they had not taken part in any other delivery of rice from the go-down.

Cross-examined by Mr. A. A. Shaw, Assistant Superintendent of Police, who is prosecuting, the defendant denied that Ho Wai-lam was in the car used in the hiring of lorries to convey the rice.

They said that there were six persons in the car at the time—the chauffeur, Ho's son, two go-down employees, who had since absconded, and themselves.

Lie Hing-sing, Ho's son, who was tally clerk at the Rice Section, charged with the theft of the rice with his father, had pleaded guilty to the charge on November 21.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is representing Ho Wai-lam, while Mr. A. S. C. Comber is representing Ho Tsi-sing.

Hearing continues this afternoon.

Fined for driving van without licence

Pleading guilty before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday to charges of driving an Austin van without a licence, driving "it while under the influence of drink and driving it without the owner's permission," on February 11, Robert James Russell, aged 24, of the 27th Company, BMH, was fined a total of \$80 and ordered to pay \$35 for damage to the van. He was also bound over in \$100 for one year.

Russell was given 14 days to pay.

Sub-inspector Yuen said that the driver of the van, a Government vehicle, was at fault for leaving it parked in Jaffe Road. He asked that defendant be made to pay \$20 towards the damage while the remainder would be paid by the driver.

Mr. Lo said that although the driver was at fault, it was defendant who had done the damage and he should be made to pay.

Mr. G. Arliss of the Government Transport Department said that a departmental action would be taken against the driver of the van for his carelessness in leaving it unattended.

Messrs. A. Gordon, L.B. Howell, W. Mallor (Directors), Mr. C. J. Smith (Representing the Secretaries), and Shareholders representing in all 89,550 shares.

REMINDERS

Today

HK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, meeting at China Fleet Club theatre, 5.30 p.m. Toe H meeting, 30, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Women's Section, Whist Drive, 10 a.m. European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group meeting, 8.45 p.m.

Musical Band Concert at Footstep Football Ground, 6 p.m. Chinese New Year bazaar, distribution at Rosary Church to 200 poor families 10 to 11 a.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Dancing Glass, 2.30 p.m. Film show, 8 p.m. Sino-British Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.15 p.m.

Central British Association annual ball, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 9 p.m. Cheero Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m. HK Stage Club, radio exercise from "The Children's Hundred," British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, Valentine Dance for Services, 7.30 p.m. Nine Dragons Services Club, Table Tennis Tournament, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m. European YMCA Women's Section, Beginner's Dressmaking, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY

Nine Dragons Services Club, QSLI Band Concert, 8 p.m. Kowloon Gramophone Society Concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.

LECTURE ON PARLIAMENT

In the second lecture in his series on "Parliament," Mr. H. Bruce of the British Council will describe the functions of the King and the two Houses of Parliament.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of
Shareholders of The Hongkong
& Shanghai Hotels, Limited,
will be held at the Registered
Office of the Company (Second
Floor, Telephone House, Des
Voeux Road, Central, Hong
Kong) on WEDNESDAY, the
15th day of March, 1950, at 12
Noon, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Board
of Directors, together with the
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1949, to confirm the appoint-
ment of a Director, to re-elect
a Director and to appoint Au-
ditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 1st March, 1950, to the 15th
March, 1950, both days in-
clusive.

AND NOTICE is hereby also
given that an Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Share-
holders of the Company will be
held at the same place on the
same day at the conclusion of
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting
for the purpose of considering
and if thought fit passing the
following Resolution as an Or-
dinary Resolution:—

"That the Board of Directors
of the Company be requested
not to exercise, for the time
being, their power to offer the
unissued capital of the Com-
pany to existing shareholders
and that their Press announce-
ment dated the 8th March, 1949,
shall accordingly be regarded
as withdrawn."

By Order of the Board,

A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 6, 1950.

NOTICE

HUMPHREYS ESTATE &
FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of
Shareholders will be held at
the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong,
on Saturday 18th March, 1950
at 12 Noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Directors with a Statement of
Accounts for the Year ended
31st December 1949 and for
the election of Directors and
the appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE is further hereby
given that the Register and
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the
4th March 1950 to the 18th
March 1950 both days inclusive
during which period no Trans-
fer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
& SON LTD.,
General Managers

Hongkong, February 14, 1950.

NATURALISATION
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
Elizabeth Kuang-tang Tang (湯
光堂) of Hongkong University
Hongkong is applying to the
Governor for naturalisation,
and that any person who
knows any reason why natu-
ralisation should not be grant-
ed should send a written signed
statement of the facts to the
Colonial Secretary, Colonial
Secretariat, Hongkong.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 15, 1950.

THE HONGKONG
JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry
Forms for the 2nd Race Meet-
ing to be held on Saturday,
25th February, 1950, (weather
permitting) may be obtained
at the Secretary's Office, Tele-
phone House; the Club House,
Happy Valley; and the Stables,
Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
NOON on WEDNESDAY, 15th
February, 1950.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary

Hongkong, February 15, 1950.

IMMIGRATION NOTICE

The following procedure in
respect of documentation of
Chinese Passengers for return
to the Colony of Hong Kong
from Taiwan or Hainan, is
published for general informa-
tion.

Bona fide residents of Hong
Kong or businessman who are
now in Taiwan or Hainan, and
who are desirous of travelling
to Hong Kong, should ap-
proach the agents of shipping
or airline companies in Taiwan
or Hainan, and make applica-
tion for ENTRY PERMITS for
this Colony.

Forms of application are now
in the possession of the ship-
ping companies and airlines,
and will be handed to intend-
ing travellers on personal ap-
plication.

Two photographs of the
traveller must be handed-in
with the completed application
form.

ENTRY PERMITS will be
issued by the Immigration
Office, Hong Kong, on receipt
of the completed application
forms from the Shipping Com-
panies and Airline companies.

Passengers are warned that
unless they possess the neces-
sary ENTRY PERMITS, they
will not be permitted to land
at Hong Kong.

IMMIGRATION OFFICER.

February 11, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby published for
general information that traffic
light signals have been in-
stalled at (1) Hollywood Rd.
at the junction of the side road
leading to Central Police Station,
(2) The compound of
Central Police Station at the
top of the incline.

These traffic light signals
will be put into operation from
08.00 hours on February 20,
1950.

COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE.

February 14, 1950.

DEPARTMENT
OF COMMERCE &
INDUSTRY
NOTICE

This Department will be
closed on Friday, the 17th and
Saturday, the 18th of Febru-
ary, 1950, for all purposes ex-
cept for entry and clearance
of ships' manifests between 9
a.m. and 10 a.m.

A. G. CLARKE,
Director,
Commerce & Industry.

February 13, 1950.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
The Yellow Taxicab Company
Limited has applied under
Section 12 of the Companies
(Reconstruction of Records)
Ordinance 1947 to the Regis-
tration of Companies for leave
to re-construct its register of
members and that the Statu-
tory Declaration in support of
the application can be inspec-
ted on payment of the prescrib-
ed fee in the office of the Re-
gistrar of Companies. All
persons who claim to be en-
titled to be registered as Share-
holders of the said Company
are requested to notify the said
Company of their full names
and address, their claim and
the evidence upon which it is
based, within three months
from the expiration of the date
hereof.

Dated the 1st day of Febru-
ary, 1950.

A. d. ARCULLI,
Solicitor
for The Yellow Taxicab
Co., Ltd.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

NOTICE is hereby given that
as from Monday, February 20,
1950, our offices will be re-
moved from Prince's Building to

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and will be open for business
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Church Street, Leather-
head, Surrey, England, de-
ceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue
of Section 58 of the Probates
Ordinance 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 13th day of March, 1950.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send in their claims to the un-
dersigned on or before that
date.

Dated the 14th day of
February, 1950.

JOHNSON, STOKES
& MASTER,

Solicitors for the Ad-
ministrators of the estate
of the abovenamed de-
ceased.

Hongkong & Shanghai
Bank Building,
Hong Kong.

THE HONGKONG &
SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATIONORDINARY YEARLY
GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of the Sharehold-
ers of the Corporation will be
held at the Head Office of the
Corporation, 1, Queen's Road
Central, Hong Kong, on Fri-
day, the 10th day of March,
1950, at 11.30 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving and con-
sidering the reports of the
Directors and of the Auditors
and the Profit and Loss Ac-
count and Balance Sheet for
the year ended December 31,
1949, and for the election of
Directors and the appointment
of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the
Corporation will be closed from
Thursday, the 23rd of Febru-
ary to Friday, the 10th of
March, 1950 (both days in-
clusive) during which period
no transfer of shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Board,

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

January 24, 1950.

The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

HOURS OF BUSINESS.

BUTCHERY & PROVISIONS DEPARTMENTS			
All Branches & Window House	Friday, 17th Feb. — Closed all day Saturday, 18th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 12 noon Sunday, 19th Feb. — Closed all day		
DAIRY DEPARTMENT			
Lower Albert Road	Friday, 17th Feb. — 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Saturday, 18th Feb. — 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Sunday, 19th Feb. — 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.		
East Point Branch	Friday, 17th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, 18th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, 19th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.		
COLD STORAGE DEPARTMENT			
East Point	Friday, 17th Feb. — Closed all day Saturday, 18th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, 19th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.		
Cowen Road Central	Friday, 17th Feb. — Closed all day Saturday, 18th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 12 noon Sunday, 19th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.		
ICE SALES			
East Point	Friday, 17th Feb. — Closed all day Saturday, 18th Feb. — Usual Hours Sunday, 19th Feb. — Usual Sunday Hours		
Pei Tung Street	Friday, 17th Feb. — Closed all day Saturday, 18th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 12 noon Sunday, 19th Feb. — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.		
RESTAURANTS & SODA FOUNTAINS			
	Usual Hours		

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HOURS OF BUSINESS

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

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Saturday 18th February	Branches & Food Section (Main Store)	Open 9 a.m. — 12 noon
Sunday 19th February	Main Store & Branches	Closed

Bread and cakes will be on sale
on Sunday 19th February in
CAFE WISEMAN
which will be open as usual
throughout the holiday.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

NOTICE

Our store will be closed to business on
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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
By Shepard Barclay

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SILENCE can be just as elo-
quent at the bridge table as any-
where else. What you do not
see and do not hear can tell you
sometimes facts just as impor-
tant as those given to you in
positive way. With the fine in-
ferential thinker, such knowledge
acquired in a negative manner,
can contribute to his card-playing
just the additional bit necessary
for him to find the best course
of action.

S 10 8 7 5 3
H 7 4
D A Q 5 2
C A Q
S 8 H 8 5 3
D K J 6 4
C J 10 9 7 3
S A K Q 4
H 10 9 2
D 10 8 6 3
C 5 2
S J 9 2
H A K J 6
D 7 4
C K 8 6 4

(Dealer: East, North-South vul-
nerable).
East South West North
Pass 1 C Pass 1 S
Pass 2 H Pass 3 D
Pass 3 NT

Defence, against that contract
began the game at two tables of
a duplicate game, then varied by
a wide trajectory. In each case
the club J was opened, the A
winning and the spade 3 coming
back to be won by the Q. Now
came the big difference.

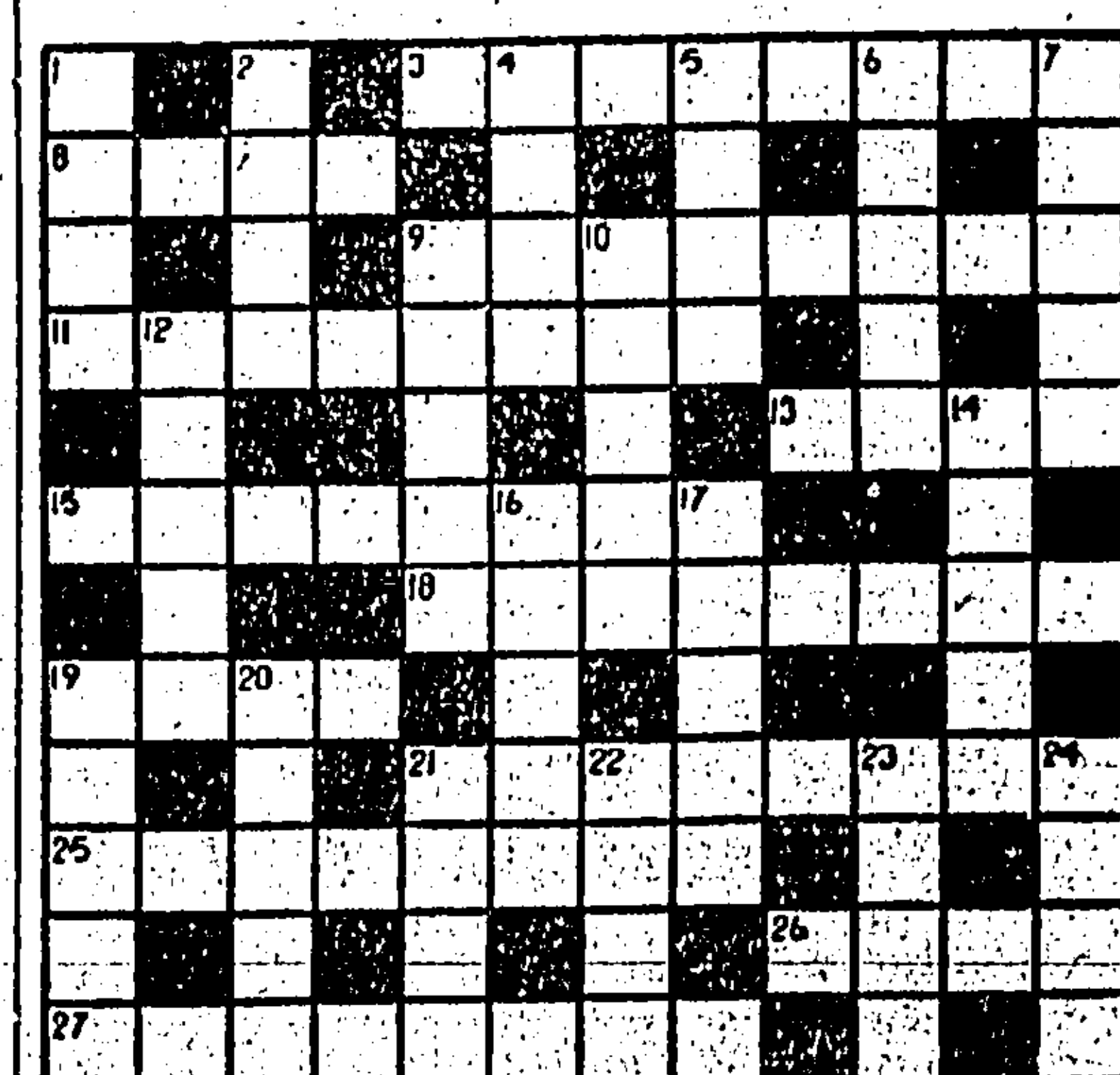
At one table East returned the
remaining card of his partner's
clubs. The Q won that, a second
spade was won by the K, East's
switch to the heart 10 was taken
by the A. The diamond Q was

conceded, the third spade went to
the A, a second heart was cap-
tured by the K and the diamond
A was an entry to cash two es-
tablished spades. That declarer
there scored two tricks apiece
in spades, hearts and diamonds,
plus three in clubs to make his
game.

At the other table, when East
won the second trick with his
spade Q, his thoughts reminded
him that South did not bid No
Trump until he heard North's
diamond bid. If South accord-
ingly had only a couple of little
diamonds, West would have three
including the king and jack. So
East led his diamond 10 to the
third trick. West keenly put on
the J for eventual unblock-
ing purposes, and the Q won. East
scored the spade K on the next
lead and returned the diamond 3.
West playing the K to force the
A. Now, when East got the
third spade trick with the A, he
was able to cash two established
diamonds and so beat the game.

Tomorrow's Problem
S J 8 7 6
H J 9 8
D Q J 5
C K Q 5
S K 5
H A K 7 5
D 4 3
C A 4 2
C 8 7
S A 10
H Q 2
D K 10 9 8 7 6
C A Q 6
(Dealer: South, East-West vul-
nerable).
What defence should be used
to beat South's 4-Diamonds dou-
bled on this deal?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Bearing. on.
8 Strong desire.
9 Determined.
11 Exhilarated.
13 Part of shoe.
15 Looks down.
17 Interval.
18 Acute.
19 Emerald.
20 Unaware.
21 Energy.

Down

1 Meditate.
2 Monitor.
4 Encourage.
5 Measure.
6 Cloudless.
7 Not yet in office.
8 Inanimate.
10 Part.
12 Vassal.
14 Froo.
16 Ecclesiastess.
17 Disposes of.
18 Clear.
19 Scuttles.
20 Kind of varnish.
22 Treats with fondness.
23 Spruce.
24 Discourage.
25 Defend.
26 Lielike.
27 Message.
28 Refuge.
29 Result.
30 Leave.
31 Tasty.

TODAY ONLY **Queen's** At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

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CLAUDE RAINS
Angel On My Shoulder

TOMORROW: DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS JR. in
"SINBAD THE SAILOR" COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

NATIONALISTS AND BOMBING OF U.S. CHINA PROPERTY

Communal riots in Calcutta

Karachi, February 13. The Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, tonight declared that the most sanguinary riots in Calcutta had driven thousands of Moslems from their homes and had started a large-scale exodus to East Bengal.

In a Press statement, he said he would be failing in his duty if he did not most emphatically repudiate the insinuations made by Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel.

The Indian leaders, he said, had tried to suggest that the Calcutta outbreak is a result of certain happenings in East Bengal, which were attempts by Communists to create trouble.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said: "These outbreaks have led to inevitable repercussions in Dacca but the East Bengal Government, with commendable energy, have taken stringent measures to curb the activities of the mischief makers and it is hoped that law and order will soon be restored."

"Representatives of the Governments of East and West Bengal have met and formulated certain measures to meet the situation."

He could only hope that the Government of West Bengal will be successful in quelling riots and punishing evil-doers, he added.—Reuter.

Taipei, February 13. The Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister stated informally today that the Air Force had been ordered to avoid United States property in Red China.

However, this exemption does not apply to property useful for Communist military purposes, he added.

This statement was given to the Associated Press by Mr. George Yeh in response to a

BERGMAN CHANGE IN PLANS

Rome, February 13. A last-minute change of plans tonight postponed the baptism of Miss Ingrid Bergman's baby son, a source close to the Italian film director, Roberto Rossellini, told Reuter.

The source said the date of the baptism, earlier expected to take place tomorrow, had not yet been definitely fixed but he thinks it will take place in a few days' time.

The child will probably be baptised in the tiny chapel of the Villa Margherita Clinic, where it was born. The source did not disclose why the plans had been changed.

Miss Bergman and Rossellini will not be able to marry for several weeks, Rossellini's lawyer said today.

The Mexican divorce which the movie star obtained must first be registered in both Sweden and Italy. The lawyer, Gino Solis, said that then Miss Bergman will register herself at the City Hall as mother of the son born to her on February 2 and she and Rossellini will marry.—Reuter and United Press.

SHOWING **BROADWAY** At 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.

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Women getting too masculine

Birtley, February 13. The Reverend A.M. Stephens says there are too many British women with hard, unlovely faces, "aping" men's dress and habits.

He blames this on the wartime manpower shortage which led many girls to take over men's work.

Mr. Stephens, Vicar of Birtley, urges them to give up these unnatural tasks now that peace has come. Writing in his parish magazine, he declared: "There is a perilous and foolish tendency today for women to deny their nature and to become masculine."

"The result is as disastrous to themselves, to society and to the Kingdom of God as it would be if men tried to lose their particular characteristics and become feminine."—Associated Press.

"MRS. IT" RETURNS

Bristol, February 13. "Mrs. It," the ghost of No. 13 Highworth Road, is back again—with a playmate.

Only three weeks ago the haunt was exorcised by a Church of England Vicar in religious rite taken from early Christian records.

The peace of No. 13 was short-lived.

Mr. and Mrs. William Baber, who live in the house, say the ghost now does a nightly routine up and down the stairs with an unidentified partner. Sometimes it sounds as if they are dancing, sometimes as if they are wrestling.

The Baber theory is that the original ghost—which they named "Mrs. It"—is that of a woman who died in the house 18 years ago. "Mrs. It" first began prowling around the place in December.

Their Vicar, the Reverend Francis Maddock, went through a rite of exorcism on January 24 after a month of nightly uproar at No. 13.

Last night the Babers called in a spiritualist. All they found out is that "Mrs. It" (1) speaks a foreign language—possibly Russian—or (2) is an atrocious speller. They used an Ouija board (table-writing) to see if she had any message. What came out was "cehthnev."—Associated Press.

LOAN TO SIAM POSSIBLE

Bangkok, February 13. The World Bank may lend Siam capital for an eight-year irrigation scheme and harbour improvements here to raise rice exports.

A spokesman of the World Bank Mission to Siam said today that the Bank will decide in late March or early April, whether or not to advance loans on one or more of four schemes the Mission has investigated.

The four projects are the Rice Bowl and complementary irrigation works, dredging and harbour modernisation, railway improvements and the installation of hydro-electric plant.—Reuter.

Pakistan premier to visit U.S.

Karachi, February 13. Informed sources said here today that the Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, has accepted an invitation from President Truman to visit the United States.

The Premier will arrive in Washington on May 3 for a 24-day visit of various parts of the United States, in accordance with an invitation from Mr. Truman last December.

The Premier's schedule will include a cross-country tour and a two-day trip to Canada. Meanwhile, reports that he will visit Moscow en route to the United States were officially denied.—United Press.

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BEVIN GIVEN REPORT ON SINO-RUSSIAN MEETINGS IN MOSCOW

London, February 13.

Sir David Kelly, British Ambassador to Moscow, today conferred with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, for two hours on the prolonged negotiations between the Kremlin and the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung. Sir David returned from Moscow on Friday for one-month's leave.

It is understood that he reported to Mr. Bevin on the progress of the Sino-Soviet talks, which are entering their ninth week and giving rise to increased speculation that the Chinese Communists are finding it difficult to reconcile their ideas with those of Russia about the future of China.

CRISIS IN IRAQ

Baghdad, February 13.

Details of an attempt to overthrow the Iraqi Government came to light today as the Government announced that the former police chief, Ali Khalid, would go on trial for his life for insubordination.

On Saturday night Khalid allegedly barricaded himself in a police station at the head of police forces and threatened armed action if the Cabinet did not resign. In a Government communique issued yesterday, it was merely announced that Khalid had been arrested for insubordination.

Khalid's action was taken after a Cabinet decision to transfer him from his police post to the post of Governor in North Iraq. Officials said today that he is being charged with violation of Article 80 of the penal code, which provides the death penalty for anyone using force to overthrow or attempt to overthrow or change the government.

It was stated that when Khalid telephoned his ultimatum to the Cabinet, a hurried Cabinet meeting was held, after which orders were given to Iraqi army units to move on Baghdad. When Iraqi army units were in a position to subordinate the police, officers refused to carry out Khalid's orders to take over Government offices and the broadcasting station.

A short while later, Khalid himself surrendered to an emissary from the palace. Conditions are normal today.—United Press.

TRANSJORDAN CONSPIRACY

Amman, February 13.

The Cabinet today decreed compulsory military training for men aged 20 to 40 in both the Eastern and Western parts of the Kingdom of Transjordan.

(The reference to the Western part of the kingdom is believed in London to cover areas which King Abdullah has gradually been incorporating.)

Jordanian officials said the measure is intended to provide a nucleus of trained men if the need for mobilisation should arise.

It provides for 105 hours of training for all men in the prescribed age groups, with certain exceptions, including Government officials and the clergy.—United Press.

MOSCOW CENSORS AT WORK

Chicago, February 13.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Howland Sargent, said today that despatches of American correspondents in Moscow are warped by Russian censorship.

Speaking before the Inland Press Association, Mr. Sargent said: "I have sometimes wondered why our newspapers do not slug all such stories 'Passed by Russian Censors' to remind the American readers that the item has been tampered with and that the correspondents did not have unimpeded access to the facts in the first place."

Mr. Sargent said the Russian authorities distort the news coming into the Soviet Union as well as news going out of it. The Soviet Press gave the impression now that the United States had been an enemy and not an ally of Russia during World War II.

The voice of America offered peoples of Russia and her satellite nations the Soviet government, in its attempts to jam Voice of America broadcasts to Russia, could give no more conclusive evidence that the Voice is breaking the Politburo's tight control over the minds of the Russian peoples, and to the extent of filling them with extreme alarm.

"For quite a while, I regret to say, Russian jamming was almost 100 per cent effective and it continues to enjoy a high degree of success, though our broadcasts are now breaking through occasionally for brief periods of time.

"To manage this, our engineers are devising counter-measures with growing success. We repeat our Russian-language programmes around the clock, and our broadcasts are now breaking through occasionally for brief periods of time.

Dr. Jessup said that Mr. W. Walton Butterworth, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, reported on what is being formulated in Washington.

GAOL RIOTING

Bombay, February 13.

The death toll in Saturday's Communist rioting at Salem rose to 21 today as four more prisoners died in hospital.

The number of injured, an official announcement said, was 193. The riot, in which guards fired on Communist prisoners, started when the inmates refused to wear the gaol dress and assaulted officials.—United Press.

Statue of Virgin on tour



Catholics in Goa, India—a Portuguese Colony—celebrated the visit to their territory of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue is on a world tour and was flown to India. It was brought by steamer from Bombay and was then transferred to a swan-shaped launch for its triumphal entry into Goa. The celebration included 153 masses in a field near the old Goa Cathedral. The 153 symbolises the number of Holy Marys in the Rosary. Church authorities said this was the first time in the Church's history that so many Masses had been said simultaneously at one place. The statue comes from Lisbon and honours the Virgin's appearance to peasant children at Fatima, in Portugal, in 1917. (Associated Press Photo).

BANGKOK MEETING OF U.S. DIPLOMATS

Bangkok, February 13.

The Bangkok conference of American diplomats is open for suggestions on future policy towards the Red-threatened Far East; highly competent sources declared tonight after 12 hours of secret meeting.

These sources said that the Roving Ambassador, Philip C. Jessup, did not bring out any formulated State Department plans from Washington, but is soliciting information from all the score of American heads of missions in Far Eastern countries.

The informants said Communism or its threat is the issue common to all the nations under consideration, but that the diplomats have not yet indicated how they regard their own areas.

Many American businessmen and officials on the outside pessimistically said, however, that it is too late to save South East Asia from Communism.

Dr. Jessup issued a terse announcement that the heads of missions had reported on political aspects of the situation of each of the countries to which they are accredited.

Some participants indicated that economics would be a basic point of discussions. Both President Truman's "point four" programme for aid to underdeveloped areas and some form of Marshall plan aid are expected to be considered during the next two days.

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Critical point

Bangkok businessmen and other observers regard Indo-China as the most critical spot in the whole Asiatic sweep of nations under the Communist gun. They believe that if Indo-China falls, Thailand will go Communist within 10 months to two years.

Most observers think that if Communist Moscow-trained rebel leader, has a good chance to take over Indo-China, now that the Chinese Reds are on the Northern border.

The American diplomats are supposed to be evaluating the stability of the Governments of Thailand, Indo-China, Burma and

Germans on grim charge

Celle, February 13.

Three Germans, accused of killing a man, cutting up his body and selling it on the black market as tinned meat, faced trial today on a murder charge.

Ernest Remberg, for the defence, contended that the alleged victim, Josef Hack, a construction worker, was never murdered and is now living in the Soviet zone.

The prosecution charged that the killing occurred in 1946. No trace of the corpse has been found.

The defendants were arrested last July.—Associated Press.

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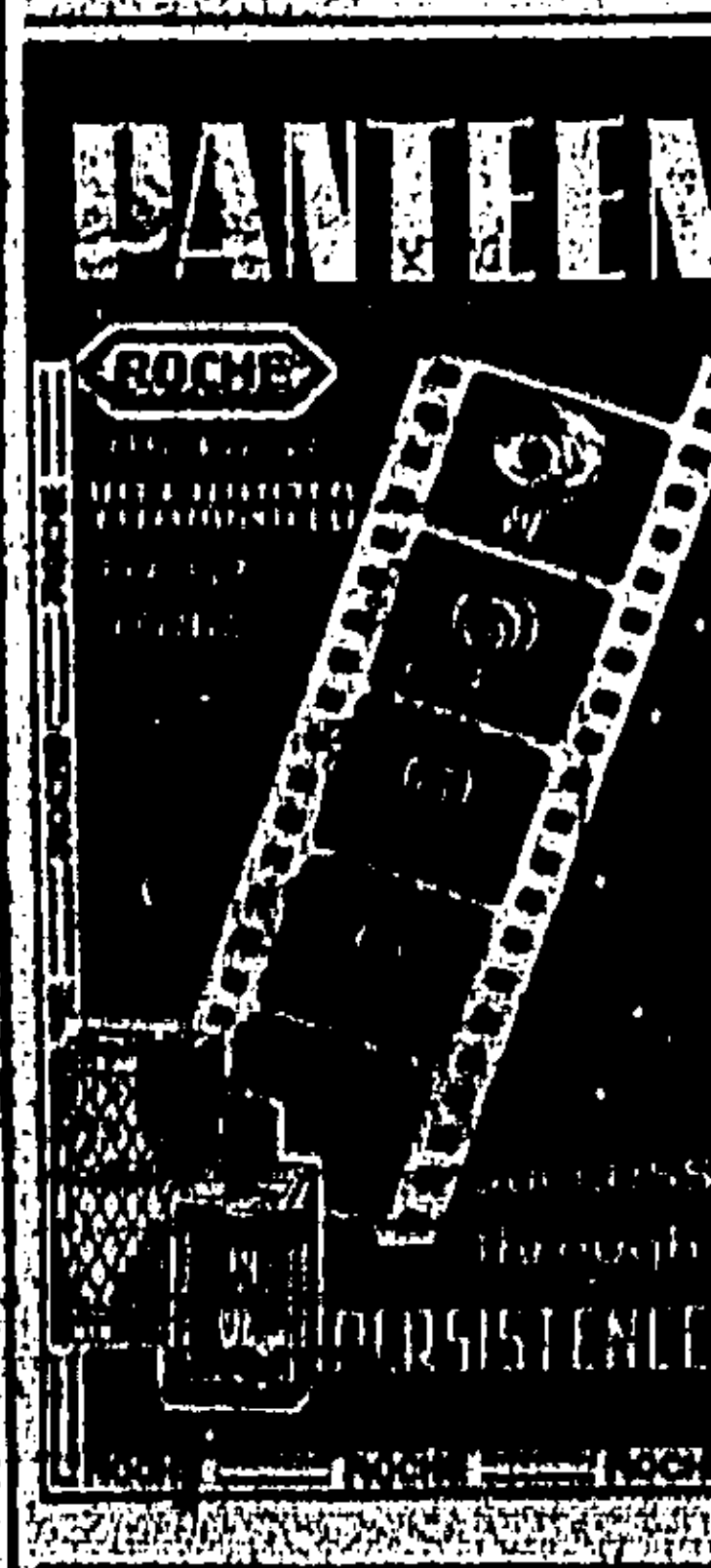
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DEATHS

MALYSHEFF—Lizetta Feodorovna, dearly beloved wife of Mr. V. S. Malysheff, of the H.K. Dairy Farm Co. Ltd., Pokfulam, who passed away peacefully on 14th February 1950, at the Queen Mary Hospital. Funeral cortege passing the monument at 3.30 p.m. on 15th February 1950. (Peking papers please copy).

LAYTON, Captain J.T.J., late of the China Navigation Company, at Melbourne on 9th February, after a long illness.

CLEARING THE DECKS

The Conference of American diplomats on the Far East has opened in Bangkok. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have concluded their tour of the Pacific and Japan and have presented their report on American defences in these areas. At the same time, reports from Moscow indicate that the protracted "negotiations" between the Chinese Communist leaders and the Kremlin may be about to end. From these three major sources, therefore, the material will soon be available on which the Administration can frame its detailed policy.

In these days, policy has to be global in scope, but that does not mean it cannot be flexible. Just as in war, strategy and tactics cannot be quite the same on every front, though there is fundamental agreement on the principle of containment of aggression. We regained the initiative in Berlin and in the West generally as a result of the purposeful policy of the past year. In the Far East we had the initiative after the war, but have now lost it in the larger sense.

Mr. Dean Acheson however, has cut his way through much dead wood to first principles. In these days of raucous and vociferous confusion that at least is something to be thankful for. He at least knows where he stands, even if neither he nor anybody else—pending the slow unfolding of events in China—knows precisely where we go from there, or when. That will have to be considered in the light of facts and the recommendations of the experts. Meanwhile Mr. Acheson has made his way through the mists of confusion in one of the most remarkable series of statements any American statesman has ever made. He has dealt as faithfully with those with a pain in the neck as with those shuddering with a pain in the heart. His long silence before the recent uproar over Taiwan left the field almost wholly to the Republican critics. That has since been remedied, at least in the tactical battle for public opinion.

The critics know their own mind, of course, and what they would do. Senator Knowland has just laid down a five-point programme. Under this, there would be no recognition of the new regime in China. General MacArthur would "co-ordinate" all Far Eastern affairs. A Military Commission would go to Taiwan to play the same role there as in Greece. (Conditions are completely different now, however similar they might have been when the Chinese Communists, like the Greek Communists, were mere guerrillas and not in occupation of the entire mainland.) The Far Eastern Division of the State Department would be "reorganised," because of its Alger Hiss influence. A demand would be lodged with the

Life in Czechoslovakia—No. 2:

KREMLIN PLAN RUNNING BALKAN WORKSHOP

By Eric Bourne

While Czech Communist leaders pay devout lip-service to the course they are now following, not all of them are entirely happy about it.

Before the coup, Mr. Gottwald is known to have put up a stiff fight in Moscow, whether he had been peremptorily summoned in July, 1947, when the Czechs were started to find a Russian "ultimatum" in their laps immediately after the coalition government had accepted the Anglo-French invitation to discuss the original Marshall Aid offer.

Mr. Gottwald argued Czechoslovakia's needs with force and vigour and capitulated only when Stalin brusquely indicated that if the Czechs went to Paris it would be regarded in Moscow as an "unfriendly" act.

Stalin's attitude and the 600,000 tons of badly-needed grain which the Russians poured into Czechoslovakia the following critical winter convinced Mr. Gottwald, and there is little likelihood of his getting out of line again.

But the ordinary Czechs may become increasingly difficult to handle.

Steady process

In February, 1948, thousands of Social Democratic workers backed the Communists, believing that the Russian grain carried no political conditions beyond friendship and that Molotov's dictum of 1947 that "all roads lead to Communism" meant that the Czechs

Communists that all American nationals be liberated at once, with an American Naval blockade of the coast if it were rejected.

The objectives seem much too limited for the risks entailed. The plan does not restore influence on events in the mainland—if anything it removes all that remains; or that may develop in a measurable distance of time. Its political content is shrill, not tough. And toughness is the supreme need. If any synthesis is possible between this programme and the general principles of American policy—always its greatest asset—it will have to be based on the purely strategic ideas of the Chiefs of Staff.

There is, too, another aspect of the battle for public opinion. It relates to the reaction to the atomic bomb, and now the hydrogen bomb. A few days ago Mr. Acheson again got down to first principles on this. He declared bluntly that no fresh approach was being made. It was open to the Russians to accept the Baruch plan for control or to suggest reasonable modifications. One such suggestion—that has again been made—is that it should be removed altogether from the domain of national sovereignty.

But, said Mr. Acheson, atomic agreement is not the fundamental question. What comes first is the establishment of friendly understanding between the countries. On this the State Department has not given up hope. Continuing attempts were being made to extend the area of possible agreement with Russia. Once this is sufficiently wide, it should be possible to lay down this fact in black and white.

"Time after time we have seen that agreements with Russia are useful when they register facts which exist, and that they are not useless when they are merely agreements which do not register existing facts. An arrangement which meets the interests of both parties will stand. It will be founded on fact. Anything else will soon be proved to be a waste paper."

In other words, it is essential to take the psychological mainstays of Soviet policy into account—and play from strength. Soviet policy was a mixture of ideology and imperialism, and all in all it was incompatible with world peace and the freedom of peoples. At the same time the Soviet Government was highly realistic and could adopt itself to facts. So in matching realism with realism Mr. Acheson's policy is based on an analysis of Soviet psychology. And realism consists in building situations so strong that their strength would be recognised by the Soviet Government. And in Asia no less than in Europe,

could set about building their own brand of Socialism.

But Molotov was quickly corrected. "There is only one path to Socialism," rapped Mr. Vyshinsky, "and that is the Soviet path."

So, cautiously throughout 1948 and at an ever swifter, more radical tempo last year, the Czech Communists subjected their country to the steady process of Bolshevisation, which today is near completion.

Under the pressure of this process export trade is up and industrial production is better. Some rationing has been abolished and there are far more foodstuffs and textiles in the shops, particularly in the high-priced voluntary shops. The high-priced shops are paying rent and buying the necessities of life.

There pork is 12s. 6d. per lb., butter and sugar about 10s., and cheese 6s., but, with mother, father and in most cases, a son and a daughter bringing wages into the house, most families have more than enough, after paying rent and buying the necessities, to indulge in extra food and in clothes.

Some of this economic improvement is due to the two good harvests since 1947. But much of it is due to the people's own efforts, despite problems akin to ours here in Britain.

Her key task

The assumption that Russia is bleeding Czechoslovakia economically by using her as a factory for Soviet raw materials, as turned into goods for Russian consumption is wrong.

Moscow may drive tougher bargains with the other "people's democracies," but Czechoslovakia enjoys a special position. Her property is essentially to Russia's "zone of Socialism" recovery plan.

The Russians, in fact, are supplying the Czechs with large quantities of meat and butter, raw materials (including cotton) and some of the heavy machinery required to re-gear Czech industry.

A neutral China

By "Windrush"

For a long while that wise American prophet, Mr. Walter Lippmann, has been campaigning for what he believes to be the only possibility of preventing war between America and Russia in Europe. His plan has been that all Germany, and other parts of Central Europe such as Italy and Finland, should be neutralised. Both sides should agree to treat it as one vast Switzerland.

The objections to this policy are obvious, and they have been persuasively stated. Who would guarantee the neutrality of Central Europe? Suppose that, under pretence of agreeing to neutralise Russia, Russia attacked Germany. Suppose, then, that by political action Russia arranged for Czechoslovakia to go Communist. The balance of power in the world would have altered decisively. We might even have a nuclear war, because America would feel that it was threatened so dangerously by world Communism that it must make an immediate stand.

These arguments over the neutralisation of Germany are worth studying because Mr. Lippmann has recently extended his proposals to the Far East. He thinks that there also a barrier has to be built between America and Russia. His position is that Communist China—and perhaps Japan also—should be a neutral area.

More workable?

At first glance this might seem a more workable plan than the one for the neutralisation of Germany. For China might be able to offer convincing guarantees that it could keep itself neutral. The Chinese are great nationalists, in this respect the Communists are not very different from the Kuomintang. Though they want friendly cultural and ideological relations with Russia, they will probably not tolerate Russian intervention in their country.

But would China have any real interest in falling in with this convenient scheme? To answer this it is necessary to try to see how the world picture appears through the eyes of the new rulers of China. The leaders of the Communist Government certainly desire to restore China's ancient exalted position in the world. Mao Tse-tung made some significant remarks in his speech at Peking on the proclamation of the new state. The Chinese have always been a great, brave and industrious nation, and it is only in modern

for the current change-over from principally light to heavy engineering.

The Czechs' job is to help in the rapid industrialisation of the other "people's democracies," notably Poland, Hungary and Rumania. Their job is to become Communists' workshop in Eastern Europe—a task that Russia, with her own gigantic problems, could never have handled herself.

It is therefore very much to her interest to bolster up the Czechs while they are getting to the job.

Rigid control

Until last summer there was always some appearance of the Czechs employing their initiative in their own Czech way.

But the summer brought the Rajk trial, and when the doors of the Budapest courtroom closed for the last time on the incredible bitterness of the case against Lado Rajk there remained throughout Eastern Europe the Great Fear—the Great Fear which spread like prairie fire and left in its wake a host of fallen heads and herds of frightened functionaries.

In Czechoslovakia the purge cut deep into Ministries and key-party organisations. There were thousands of arrests and detentions "for interrogation."

Everywhere the shutters in the "iron curtain" were tightened on Russian orders. Frontier crossing-points were reduced to a minimum. Through-out the country, security police checked on all foreigners, including even illiterate Ukrainian peasants settled there for 30 years or more.

Active censors

My own expulsion some months later is in line with Vyshinsky's warning that the Soviet Union would not tolerate Western journalists "or other spies" on territories under Russian control. Bookshops were "cleansed" of Western literature. Before I left Prague I inspected a dozen bookshop windows. A couple

of Shaws, a Priestley and several technical books were the sole representatives of Western literature.

Even Shakespeare fell under the brown. The Czech film people have had the film "Hamlet" for 12 months. Two months ago, they almost put it on. But when 3,000 tickets had been sold in six hours at the same time as a half-empty house, the showing of "Hamlet" was postponed—for "technical reasons."

Scarcely a British newspaper gets past the police censorship. Czech papers themselves are scarcely reading and contain no information about world issues. I was amused when Mr. L. B. Ruge, the Czech Foreign Office Press chief, launched the familiar charges indiscriminately against the British Press. I referred him to several grossly inaccurate articles in the Prague Press describing the "imagery and constitution" of England as Christians.

But Mr. Ruge, possibly because after having spent many years in England he speaks excellent English—with a North Country accent—but very bad Czech, had not detected these specimens of "objective, truthful reporting."

Articles in the Press encourage "snoopers" to denounce neighbours or friends detected in Western sympathies.

Symbolic story

A few weeks ago Jan Werich, member of a famous war-time partnership which included a comedy song including the Czechs to sabotage, asked a theatre audience: "Who is the biggest fool today in all Czechoslovakia?"

The audience waited. Werich went to the wings, picked up a suitcase labelled "New York" and "London." "The man who owns this," he gave the answer "He came back."

The audience roared; the police arrested Werich, but released him two days later because of his immense popularity. But the story is symbolic of Czechoslovakia today. So many decent folk wish to leave.

U.S. ADMIRAL PRAISES KMT AIRMEN

Chiang, February 13.
Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Jr., former commander of the United States Pacific fleet in the Western Pacific, told Chinese Nationalist airmen today that their air offensive against the Chinese Communists will be recorded in history for hundreds of years to come.

The retired Admiral spoke at the air base here at the invitation of Madame Chiang Kai-shek who is touring military installations and hospitals in Taiwan. Addressing the airmen, who recently increased Nationalist raids on docks, power plants, and other installations in Shanghai and other points on the Communist-held mainland, Admiral Cooke said: "Their morale is better than I expected. He said: 'Now is the most critical limit. Your work will be recorded in history for hundreds of years to come.'"

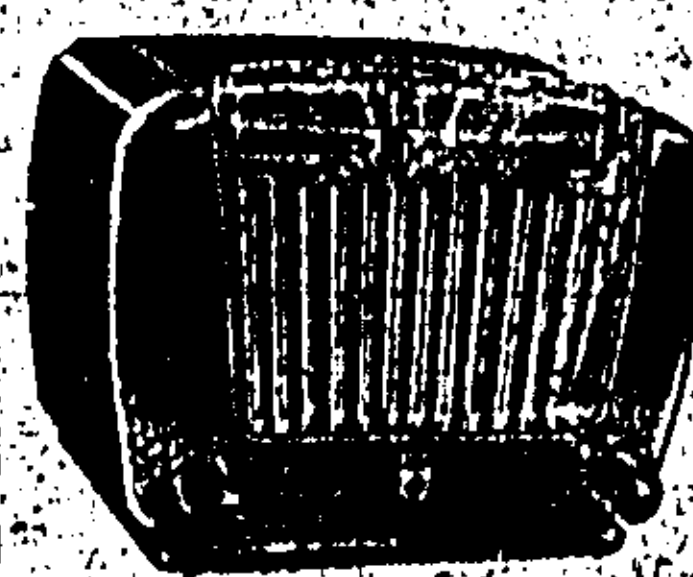
Madame Chiang said the airmen's Generalissimo is gratified with their accomplishments and she herself is proud of them.

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Ho Chi-minh is also booked to go to Moscow. Apparently the long-suffering satellite visitors didn't have enough for a mah-jong game.

Going great guns. Hainan despatch says Communists are going to fire 18 miles across the straits from the mainland with new guns.

Correspondent should get a rocket.

Tan Kah-kee off to Singapore. Plainer than the name implies.

Well, this American conference in Siam started off with a Bang—no matter what it ends in a lot of...

"When I first saw my wife," says Myrtle's grandfather, "I was mad to get married—and I've never changed my opinion."

Good thing nobody tries any of these "loaves and fishes" miracles round here. They'd have to buck the baking guilds and the fish buyers' rings.

Mr. Brigham Young, I note, refereed the game between the Saints and the Commandos very efficiently.

The Saints were not latter day either.

D.V. actor. A dumb Slavic student called Sergio. One day felt a deep-seated urge.

To add a new note. To the things Lenin wrote. He soon disappeared in a purge.

Everybody is polite to Pibut. Criticism of a Siamese political leader goes against the grain.

Message from Independent sources.

In order to refute American charges of Russian imperialism and to prove the true internationalism of Communism, an early announcement is expected. That Stalin has nominated Mao Tse-tung as his successor. At present this information is strictly confidential and known to few.

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U.S. TO CONCENTRATE ON PACIFIC

Events in China to be aired

Taipei, February 13. When the Legislative Yuan meets on February 24 it will pass on the following questions to the Executive Yuan for clarification:

1. How did Acting President Li Tsung-jen get US\$400,000 from the Ministry of Economics for his trip to the United States?
2. How were the CNAC and CATA allowed to defect in Hong Kong?
3. What is the explanation for the loss of South West China to the Communists? (This is directed against the appointment of General Lu Han as Governor of Yunnan).
4. Who was responsible for the confusion and disorder at the time of the Chungking and Chengtu evacuations, which resulted in the loss of a number of Government employees to the Communists?

No question will be raised at the forthcoming meeting of the Legislative Yuan against any members of the present Cabinet. Those who allegedly failed in their duties are at present in Hong Kong or elsewhere.—Reuter.

Britain's attitude on Japanese peace

London, February 13.

Official sources said that Britain does not favour a settlement for Japan without a formal peace treaty.

Britain, they said, will continue to seek a formula acceptable to the majority of the countries concerned.

Commonwealth Relations officials recall that the Colombo conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers decided to set up a consultative committee headquartered in London, to facilitate constant liaison among Commonwealth members on the subject of the Japanese treaty.

The officials said: "The improbability of agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union is of course an argument that the other members of the Far Eastern Commission should proceed to a separate treaty, but the British Government has to consider the responsibility they carry in relation to other Commonwealth countries and non-Commonwealth states."

The possibility is not discounted that eventually a Japanese peace settlement must be made without Russian participation, but the British Government would still continue to look for a procedure which would leave the way open for the Soviets to take a place at the final peace conference.

Australia more concerned

British officials explained that in the British viewpoint, other countries, notably Australia and New Zealand, are more directly concerned with the future of Japan than either Britain or the United States.

The officials would not elaborate further except to say that a Japanese settlement is most desirable, and that the projected consultative committee would try to reach a procedure acceptable to the large majority of the countries concerned.

It is understood, however, that the Colombo conference showed some divergence of opinion on the interpretation of some economic aspects of a settlement for Japan.

India and Pakistan are said to be in favour of opportunities for an extension of Japanese trade in Asia which Australia and New Zealand oppose.

In London it is also felt that the Japanese development programme being pursued by General MacArthur shows little regard for the 31 nation Far Eastern Commission who must all have a voice in the final settlement.—United Press.

Decisions by Joint Chiefs of Staff SOUTH-EAST ASIA MOST DANGEROUS REGION

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 13.

THE AMERICAN JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE DECIDED, AS A RESULT OF THEIR RECENT PACIFIC TOUR, THAT THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF UNITED STATES GLOBAL STRATEGY SHOULD BE SHIFTED FROM EUROPE TO ASIA.

According to authoritative sources the Chiefs of Staff concluded from their 10-day tour of inspection in the Central and Western Pacific that in the military sense any crisis or emergency in the present world struggle between the United States and the Soviet bloc, including Communist China, is more likely to take place in Asia than in Europe.

South East Asia is regarded as the most dangerous area, especially Indo-China where the United States and the Soviet-controlled countries have already recognised rival Governments.

The sources did not link the conclusions of the Chiefs of Staff with a statement on American-Soviet relations made by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, last week.

But it is presumed that the Indo-Chinese region constituted one of those situations of weakness which Mr. Acheson described as presenting an irresistible invitation to Communist interference, and which, he said, should be eliminated.

These sources said that the recent Soviet manoeuvres in Eastern Germany, including the "creeping blockade" in Berlin and the threat of a Communist youth march there, were regarded by the Chiefs of Staff as intended to

divert the attention of the Western Powers from Communist advances and manoeuvres in Asia. From this the following conclusions are reached by the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff:

Defence line

(1) That the immediate emphasis of United States global defence should be oriented towards and centred upon Asia in all considerations from the strategic concept down to the logistics of supply.

(2) Priority should now be given to the defence needs of those areas in Asia which are threatened by the advance of Communism.

(3) United States military strength should be used for the strengthening of a North-South line projected into South East Asia.

(4) That the countries most immediately threatened are in South East Asia and assistance should be given them.

It is pointed out here that the President already has \$75,000,000 available in funds appropriated by Congress in its last session, which would be used to give military aid to South East Asia.

These are the funds which were allocated by Congress for use in general area of China. The President has already turned down proposals to make these funds available to the Chinese Nationalist Government in Formosa.

Pacific fleet strength

(5) United States naval forces in the Pacific should be strengthened, even at the expense of the Atlantic, it was held, in accordance with the theory that the Pacific now constitutes the most critical area in American global strategy.

A Defence spokesman confirmed today that American naval forces are already being re-deployed from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

He said that the escort aircraft carrier Sicily would be re-deployed to the Pacific in mid-April. One heavy cruiser and one light cruiser are also being transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the next few weeks.

In view of reports of Russian submarines in Pacific waters, particular importance has been attached in military circles to the transfer from the Atlantic to the Pacific of the American submarine destroyers and the inclusion of one of the latest "killer" type of anti-submarine vessels.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have told President Truman in a secret report their views on halting Communist expansion in South East Asia, their Chairman, General Omar Bradley, said today.

Report to Truman

The Joint Chiefs of Staff recently returned from a tour of bases in the West Pacific.

General Bradley, speaking at a news conference, declined to elaborate on this except to say that the policy to be followed on China and South East Asia is a matter for the State Department.

The Chiefs of Staff announced that they had given General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, authority to assume control of American naval forces in the event of an emergency.

General Bradley said that the question of the future of Taiwan was not discussed in detail with General MacArthur.

"We already know his views on Taiwan," he stated, adding that the Joint Chiefs had not visited Taiwan or the Philippines.

SCAP command

More than 100 reporters and photographers gathered in the War Department's headquarters to hear the Joint Chiefs review their tour.

Asked what were considered to be the major threats in the Pacific, and what steps were being taken to meet them, General Bradley said that he could not comment on this without discussing war plans. But he pointed out that the United States is maintaining its military bases in the area.

Admiral Sherman said that in Tokyo the Joint Chiefs ordered a change in the Pacific Command structure to reaffirm and clarify relations between naval forces and General MacArthur's headquarters.

"When the Western Pacific naval forces are in Japanese waters and when there is an emergency they will be under General MacArthur's control," he said.

"In peacetime, when the Western Pacific forces are not in Japanese waters, they will operate as units of the Pacific Fleet."

Okinawa base

The Joint Chiefs said that the question of permanent American military bases in Japan would depend on the terms of the peace treaty with Japan, which was a matter for the State Department.

General Bradley was asked if a permanent base would be established on Okinawa Island.

He replied, "In the foreseeable future we will have to keep troops there."

General Bradley told questioners that there was no disagreement with General MacArthur. "General MacArthur did not leave the impression that he was not satisfied," General Bradley said. "He understands that forces have to be reduced and he did not say anything about being dissatisfied with the changes to be made."

The question of General MacArthur's return to the United States had not been mentioned. Housing conditions for American forces at some bases, particularly Okinawa, are very bad, the Joint Chiefs stated. Families are living in what might be described as slums.

Housing programmes are being started to improve conditions and prevent a decline in morale.—Reuter.

Malayan rice crop record

London, February 13. Malaya's rice crop for the present season is expected to be the highest in the history of the country, the Colonial Office stated tonight.

On the basis of figures from the various States and Settlements, the Acting Director of Agriculture, Dr. A. E. B. McIntosh, estimates that rice production may exceed 400,000 tons, as compared with 307,180 tons in the 1948-49 season and a production of 350,000 tons average before the war.

The chief reason for this large crop is the excellent weather that has prevailed everywhere, especially in the important rice-growing State of Kedah, in the North West of Malaya, the Colonial Office added.—Reuter.

PLAN FOR GERMAN INDUSTRY

Frankfurt, February 13.

The Allied Military Security Board is Drafting a new and comprehensive law laying down the spheres of operation for peacetime industry in Western Germany.

An Allied official said here today that the law is still in its formative stage but may be ready in three or four weeks when it will be submitted to the Allied High Commission in Bonn.

It is designed to replace Allied Control Council Law No. 43 which laid down the conditions for a demilitarised Germany industry on a four-Power basis. The new law will establish a new framework on a tripartite basis.

Major-General James Hodges, United States member of the Military Security Board, declared in a report of the Board's work just published here, "We are not even sure today that demilitarisation is complete."

"It is our job to see that the Germans do not engage in atomic research, produce portions of the bacteriological field, and certain aspects of the fuel flow field. But the dividing line between warlike and peaceful research is hard to define—especially in the fields of radio-active energy, however, that the Board's surveillance has proved quite satisfactory and has promoted a definite sense of responsibility on the part of the Germans. Surveillance over industry presents far greater difficulties than those in the scientific field, he added.

The General said, "Most German industrialists are reputable and observe the laws laid down for them."—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA REBUFS U.S. PLAN

Sydney, February 13.

The United States proposals that other nations follow its decision permitting the Japanese to establish trade offices in America generally were rebuffed in unofficial Australian quarters today.

The Sydney "Sunday Telegraph" said: "Japanese envoys will not re-appear in Australia as they have in the United States. Although we bought over A£3,000,000 worth of Japanese goods in the last six months of 1949, we exported nearly A£8,000,000, mainly wool, the Government policy still is against admitting Japanese, either as officials or traders."

The American proposals are being made at a time when important sections of the Australian Press are devoting considerable space to reporting and commenting on the forthcoming Manus Island trials of Japanese war criminals suspects. Some newspapers are featuring Tokyo reports that three Japanese generals, who fought the Australians in New Guinea, will be released from Tokyo prison, allegedly on orders from Canberra.

The Sydney "Sunday Sun" bannerlined a Tokyo despatch declaring the Japanese and Australian restrictions will make a large number of other Japanese war crime suspects.

The "Sunday Sun" also quoted Canberra reports that the decision not to try Japanese war criminals will make a large number of other Japanese war crime suspects.

Political observers recall a recent statement by the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Spender, in which he said Australians understand the United States attitude towards Japan and that there should be a peace treaty before the end of the year. This insistence on a peace treaty is generally maintained in the Australian Press and official circles as closely linked with any consideration of permitting the Japanese to open trade offices here.—United Press.

GREEKS PROTEST TO PRAGUE

Prague, February 13.

The Greek Government has lodged a strongly worded protest with the Czechoslovak Government against the tone of recent personal references to Queen Frederika of Greece by the Czechoslovak Press and radio.

The protest claimed that they constituted a vehement attack in unqualified language against the person of Her Majesty in connection with her efforts to obtain the return to Greece of 3,000 Greek children now in Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

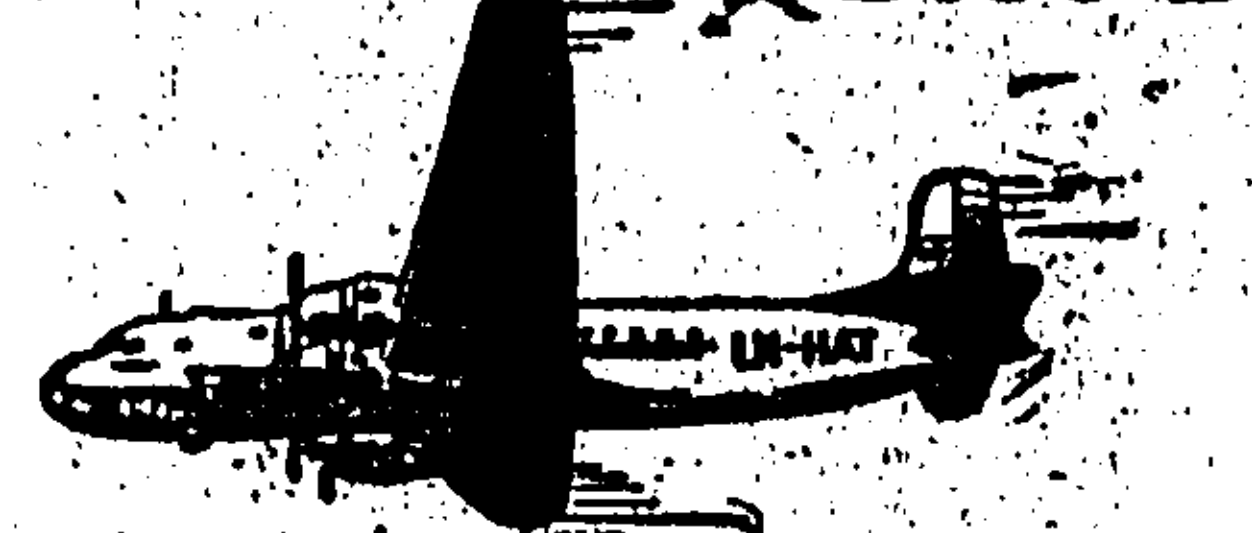
SINO-JAPANESE BARTER DEAL

Tokyo, February 13.

A private barter deal between Communist China and Japan has been submitted to Occupation authorities and the Japanese Government for approval, a spokesman for the British firm of Jardine, Matheson and Co. said.

He explained it is proposed to exchange Japanese newsprint, textile and machinery parts for 15,000 tons of Chinese soyabean via Tientsin.—Associated Press.

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Woman Today

Preview of the joys of life

By Margaret Sherman

As the half-century Ideal Home Exhibition comes round—it runs at Olympia from March 7 to April 1—it brings again the question: What characteristics has this annual display which made it, before the war, a recognised event in the London season?

What characteristics can account for the fact that, even with the breaking of the habit due to the interruption of the war the Exhibition each year since 1947 has shown an increasing popularity, and attracted so many women and their husbands that the earlier attendance records have been consistently doubled?

It is partly, no doubt, due to the home-hunger of these days of housing shortages and to the fact that the making of domestic goods, from rich furnishings to novel kitchen gadgets, had very largely stopped for so many years when munitions took priority. I like to think, too, that a basic appeal of the Exhibition is that Britons now have a greater feeling of their community of interests.

Let's start in the kitchen—the 1950 kitchen, I know that a complete shiny stainless steel affair is still a dream to most women, but it can be achieved in stages as the home budget permits.

And there are, of course, the smaller gadgets—desirable for all kitchens and bought by us, as housewives, as we find them.

One of the smaller electrical inventions which will make the housewife's task more pleasant comes from a firm which makes electric food mixers.

The makers now offer an electric chef which does almost everything. It doesn't wash the baby, which after all, is not cook's duty—but it does knead dough, blend and whisk ingredients, mince the meat (which isn't always suitable for "straight" cooking).

It has food-chopping attachments—and is at the same time a juicer extractor.

There are now no fewer than 1,300 different pieces of electrical equipment for the home, ranging from cookers and refrigerators to warming blankets and heated bathroom mirrors to prevent misting.

A new full-size family model electric washing-machine (taking the conventional dry weight of 9lb. in clothes) is switched on at a wall socket, operated by an illuminated master-switch, to work the agitator, the wringer, and the draining pump.

A separate heating element can be linked with this unit—a necessary and important attachment where the hot-water supply is limited.

And at the lowest price, is the little electric washing-machine which takes four gallons of washing water and is the luxury answer for the really small home and student purse.

Did you know that in recent months British housewives have demanded all-white gas-cookers with larger ovens and more burners? The research people knew months ago—and so they have been made. One, with an overall width of 30in., incorporates six boiling burners in its hot-plate or can be varied with five burners and a 10in. grill. The oven is thermostatically controlled and has a drop-down door.

At least there is no mystery in those 6,000,000 homes in Britain which are without baths. The answer is a gas-operated shower combined with an airing cabinet, and the base of it forms a sink, with waste plugs, and overflow, which can be used as a bath for small children.

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The day-into-evening frock



By Mary Delane

The average woman in Hong Kong is only beginning to don her winter coat, but journalists and trade buyers in Britain are now being shown advance spring collections by manufacturers.

This sandwiching of two seasons' clothes, though a little disconcerting, nevertheless can be a very good indication whether this or that trend is likely to be carried on, and which "buy" for a winter wardrobe will probably have a continued usefulness while remaining reasonably up to date in style.

Among some very good spring ensembles shown by members of the London Model House Group, the "daytime-into-evening" frock, a practical postwar development linked with the short evening frock, was presented as being a new established fashion.

For the summer we are likely to see patterned silks in soft colours worn with little white pique jackets; for the moment, however, rather different materials are being used.

This model has the sheath dress in black faille, the top of the bodice being "cuffed" in velvet and beautifully embroidered. In silver the hip swathe and loose panel are in velvet to match the bolero. Worn with long gloves

and a smart cocktail hat, this ensemble would do duty for many occasions this winter. One could wish that designers would produce a few models with other than strapless tops to the frock. Not all women have the beautifully flat shoulders necessary for this style.

A new hair style
The cap is a new style designed by a London hairdresser for evening wear. It is a tiny skull cap of hair, light as a feather and very easy to attach to the head by means of a couple of invisible pins. It can be sprayed with colour to blend with a particular frock, or according to one's mood, and the dye thus applied can be washed off simply and easily so that one can ring the changes. Once the original cap is purchased—it has, of course, to be specially made to fit the wearer's head—the redyeing and setting costs but a few shillings.

Now suits
Among spring styles, suits and two-piece ensembles, for early wear, were specially important as these will be put into production now and will not, therefore, be subject to last-minute changes following the February Paris collections. There were three distinct types of suit, with three special points in common: nearly all skirts looked straight and narrow, even where inverted pleats or a wrap-over was given for ease of movement; shoulders, though a little more square than during the last few seasons, remained unexaggerated, and the length of skirts was about mid-calf.

For the rest, there was the suit with a shortish box jacket, sometimes double-breasted, with wrap-over skirt, a delightful model; the belted suit with the jacket on the lines of the French porter's blouse—following the Dior trend; and a charming belted suit, but in more classic lines, though with large pockets and white pique collar and cuffs on the three-quarter sleeves.

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News from Britain

Visitors to the British Industries Fair (Earls Court & Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 8 to May 19) will see some of the handicrafts for which the United Kingdom has long been famous.

Among them will be smoking and quilting. The latter has now spread to the fashionable salons, probably because the wonderful quilting which the miners' wives have been doing on bedspreads for sale overseas through Home Industries Ltd., has been so much talked of.

It began, perhaps, because of Britain's damp climate, but women are now eager to wear it, as well as sleep under it, because nothing makes a woman's waist look so small or her legs so small as a wide-spreading skirt, stiffly quilted, and tapering to her midriff.

This sort of decoration has become especially popular since the war, for a quilted skirt can be worn with a delicate lace blouse or with a hand-knit woollen off-shoulder top, and finished with a wide patent leather belt.

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Royal twins in Denmark



Count Flemming of Rosenborg, son of Prince Axel of Denmark, seen with his twin sons, Birger and Axel. They were christened at a clinic in Copenhagen. (AP Photo).

PAKISTAN MINISTER ON KASHMIR ISSUE

Lake Success, February 13.

The Pakistani Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, said today that India would have occupied all of Kashmir if it had not been for the United Nations.

He added: "If this was a policy of non-violence, the hydrogen bomb is a bunch of orchids."

Sir Zafrullah told a news conference that the people of Pakistan and adjoining tribal areas are exceedingly impatient over the delay in holding the projected plebiscite by which predominantly Moslem Kashmir will decide whether to join Hindu India or Moslem Pakistan.

He made a statement, answering the question of whether there might be a resumption soon of the fighting in Kashmir because of the Indo-Pakistani deadlock over conditions was the basis on which the people held their hands, he said.

My Government finds it very difficult to deal with the delicate situation and to persuade the people that there is still hope for a fair, impartial plebiscite in the reasonable future.

He charged that India was trying to twist the 18-month-old agreement on plebiscite conditions in her own favour.

"That is the trouble with India all the time. It always insists on putting its own interpretation on whatever it is faced with and demanding that this must be accepted."

Arbitration best

Sir Zafrullah suggested that arbitration, preferably by Admiral Chester Nimitz, plebiscite administrator, would still be the best way out of the impasse.

He said if Kashmir acceded to India in a fair, impartial plebiscite, Pakistan would accept the decision even though it would spell suicide for Kashmir.

"No doubt Muslims in India would give Kashmir with 77 per cent Moslem population, autonomy except for defence and similar matters, is only fooling himself."

He said 600,000 to 700,000 Moslems from Kashmir had already taken refuge in Pakistan, and India is encouraging Hindu Paks to move into the Princely State. He added that India's policy toward all Princely States show that no Moslem area would be allowed autonomy.

"No doubt Muslims in India will be reduced soon to a position comparable to the Untouchables," he stated.—United Press.

SCHOOLS CLOSED IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, February 13. Six private Chinese schools in Singapore have been closed by the Education Department for failure to comply with sanitary regulations.

Another school will be closed this year by compulsory demolition of the building.—Associated Press.



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LABOUR AND TORIES MAKING BID FOR THE SCOTTISH VOTE

London, February 13.

While last-minute nominations are being filed today, the leaders of both the Labour and Conservative Parties, Mr. Clement Attlee and Mr. Winston Churchill respectively, are making a bid for the Scottish vote.

Mr. Churchill sped Northwards today for a rally of Conservatives at Edinburgh tomorrow. But Mr. Attlee was already addressing meetings at Greenock, Glasgow, Falkirk and Edinburgh, in the course of his 1,000-mile national tour.

Speaking at Greenock in support of Mr. Hector McNell, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Attlee declared: "Victory is in the air as in 1945. Great progress is indicated in areas formerly considered strongly anti-Labour. All that is required now is to keep up an intensive campaign on the doorstep until polling day."

At Greenock, Women Communists with banners declaring "Uncle Sam is a friendly man, he'll blow up Britain if he can," staged a demonstration in Mr. Attlee's honour.

Communists paraded outside the meeting hall with placards bearing other slogans such as: "The Atlantic Pact means war—Stop it!"

Answering Conservative Lord Woolton's criticism of the Government's food policy, Mr. Attlee rejected the suggestion that they could get cheaper food if they went back to competitive buying.

"It showed a complete failure to grasp the essential conditions of the modern world," he said.

When there was food shortage, putting in a mass of competitive buyers did not reduce prices, it only increased them.

First things first
Mr. Attlee told the electors firmly, "I am not going to promise a bit more petrol here or a bit more tobacco there. We shall carry on trying to do the best for everybody—with first things first."

Another demonstration—this time on behalf of 200 striking plumbers—greeted Mr. Attlee at Glasgow. The plumbers are on strike on a wage dispute with the nationalised Scottish Gas Board.

At Plymouth, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Labour Party's Election strategist, today expressed quiet confidence of Labour victory.

He declared himself happy about the Election atmosphere, but warned Labour workers against over-confidence.

He summed up his impression by saying, "Labour is getting the best of the debate, and the Conservatives are victims of their lack of positive policy. The Tories are badly wanting a stunt."

Mr. Churchill gave a foretaste of the heavy battle to come in his Election address to his Woodford electors, issued tonight.

"We may be at the parting of the ways," Mr. Churchill said. "The wisdom of our ancestors for more than 300 years has

sought the division of power in the Constitution.

"The concentration of all power over the daily lives of ordinary men and women in what is called the State exercised by what is virtually single Chamber Government, is a reactionary contrary to the whole trend of British history and to the message we have given to the whole world."

Mr. Churchill declared "it is no exaggeration to say that what we do here on the day of the electoral trial will not only determine the course of British history but profoundly influence the immediate future of the world."

Nominations close
The nominations of candidates in the General Election closed today.

Owing to the incompleteness of the reports, final nomination totals are still awaited.

So far Labour has entered 575 candidates, the Conservatives and "National" Liberal allies 548, Liberals so far 423, and the Communists 93.

Unspecified other candidates are expected to total at least 40.

The general election is going to keep fun-loving Princess Margaret at home on the night of February 23.

The Princess has cancelled plans to see a musical comedy that night.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said the Princess accepted the invitation some week ago to follow the election date was announced.

The musical comedy is "The Girl Friend," being staged by the Stock Exchange Dramatic and Opera Society.

Princess Margaret sent her regrets but the Society is giving the show again two days later on a Saturday matinee.

Princess Elizabeth has accepted an invitation for that performance.

The Royal Family, traditional-

CHINA SALT COMPANY

San Francisco, February 13.

A China Salt Company has been formed to handle the salt trade throughout Communist China, Peking radio reported tonight.

The Company was set up at a recent Peking meeting attended by the managers of salt companies from North and Central China and the Director of the East China Transport and Marketing Bureau.

It is planned that this year the China Salt Company would organize the transportation of 1,000,000 tons of salt for domestic use in addition to large-scale exporting of the commodity.

The domestic side of the salt trade is to be chiefly in the hands of State-owned companies. Private capital can, however, also participate. Salt co-operatives will be developed.

Peking Radio also reported that workers at the Hunpich salt field, in North Kiangsu, produced 6,000,000 pounds of salt from the waters of the Yellow Sea last year.

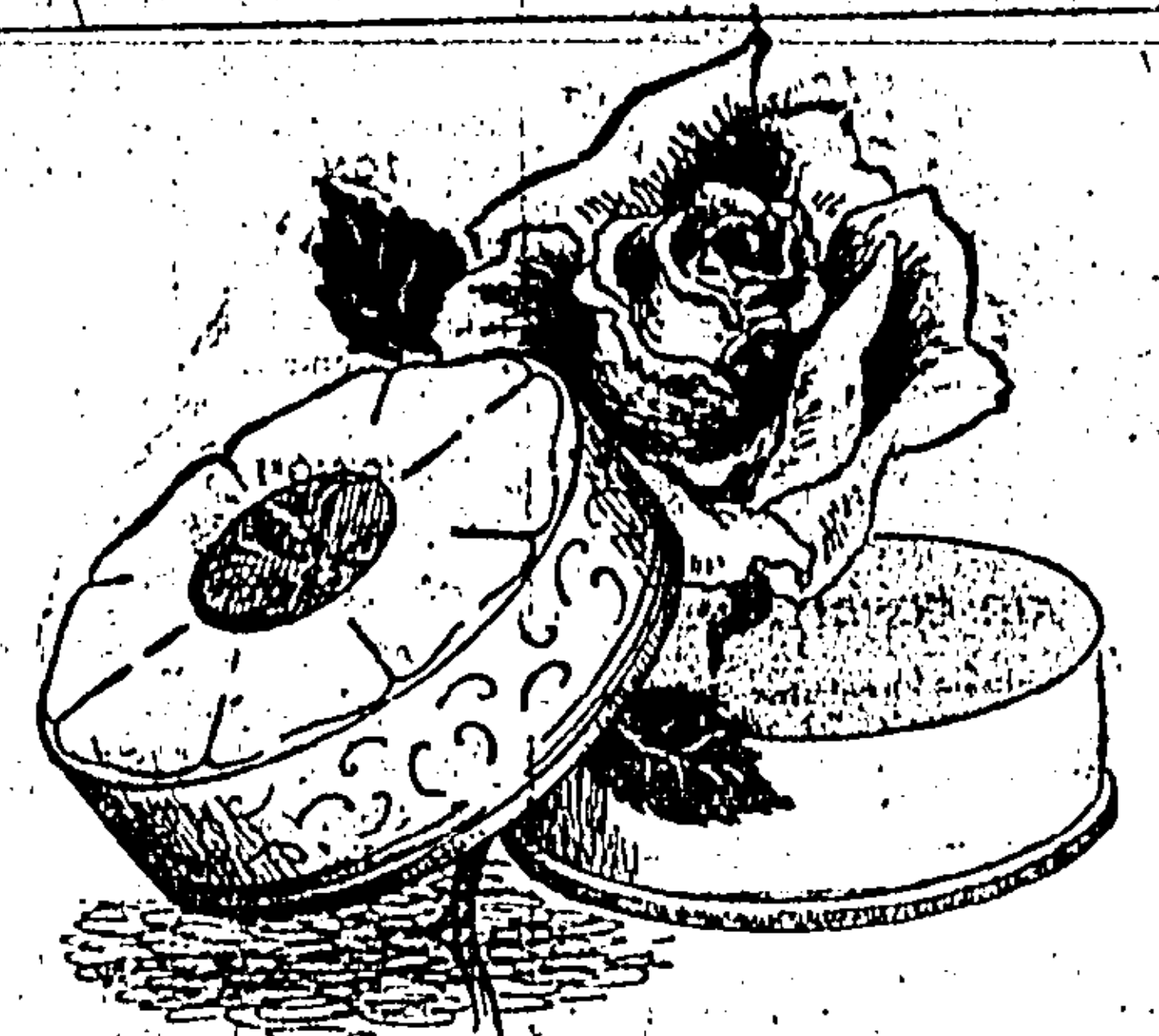
The Radio said this was a remarkable achievement because many of the salt drying grounds were destroyed by a typhoon. Heavy rain had also caused work on the fields to stop long periods.

News was also given by the Chinese Communists tonight of the sugar industry. It said that with the help of the Government this industry is reviving in the well-known sugar producing centre of Nanking, Szechuan Province.

Daily output at the centre totalled 100,000 kilograms of refined sugar and 600,000 kilograms of syrup. In all, 753 factories are now working; they employ almost 33,000 workers.—Reuter.

ly aloof from party politics, is expected to spend election day at Buckingham Palace.

As soon as the King knows which party has been elected, he will summon its leader and ask him to form a new Government.—Reuter and Associated Press.



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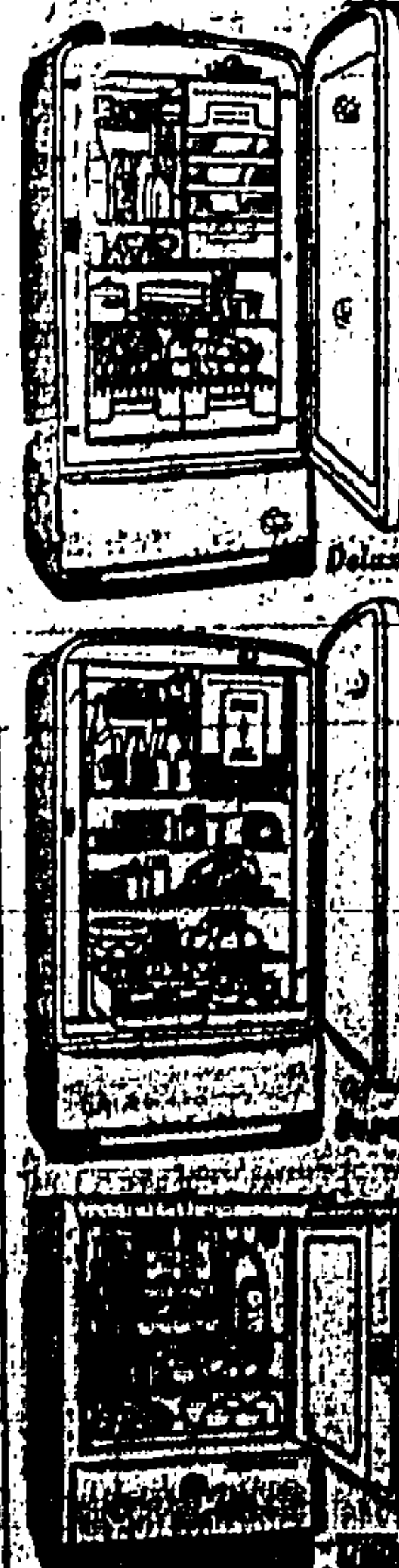
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Career book--Part 10:

Your outlook depends on your financial goal

By Betty Betz



Let's modify the tired-out, beat-up expression that used to be pounded in our heads, and change it to "Money can be the root of a great deal of good".

I should be the Percypants who gets up on a soap-box to tell my friends not to think of anything so vulgar as money when you're working, and that the happiness you'll find through having done a good job is much more important.

10 Jack, Jack, Jack

Let's not kid ourselves. Of course, we work to earn money, and it's very important to have it if we want to eat and sleep properly. Those old wise men were right, however, when they said "it isn't everything" and "the best things in life are free."

How much money you eventually want in life depends on you. Some of you would like to be millionaires so that you can buy yachts, country homes, and whatever your heart so desires.

If that's what you want, my best bet is off to you, and I hope you make it, although I must warn you that it's a long, hard pull and I hope by the time you've salted away your million dollars that you have enough strength left to enjoy it.

Riches not all

For some of you, modest incomes which provide a nice home, car, and education for your children would be a very satisfactory settlement. You are bound to make the grade, and I admire you for aiming at a reasonable standard of living when you're so young in the game.

It sounds sensible, and by constant plugging and interest in your work, it shouldn't take you long

down like the quick, fast deals which may seem effortless, but are mostly a gamble.

The compensation you receive from a good steady career which you thoroughly enjoy, but which doesn't make you wealthy, far outweighs the pleasures of paying high income taxes. So choose wisely and choose to be well, my chums! I always remember a friend of mine saying, "Keep your eyes on your drawing, Betty, instead of on the cash register; if you want to be a success."

And that motto may be applied to almost any job!



to attain your goal without dying of overwork. Then there are some who I wish would snap out of the trance—their idea of the future just isn't.

"Easy come, easy go" is their spending motto, and they're the ones who'll eventually be living beyond their means, buying too many things on the installment plan, and pretending they're not home when the creditors come round.

The size of your ambitions when you start your career will greatly influence your future financial shape, so make up your

mind now what sort of general yearly earning would eventually give you the kind of life you want, and then forget about money when you take your first job!

Think of money in connection with future security, but don't make the mistake of judging every job by the dollar sign attached to it. Of course, you need a minimum amount of revenue to finance your daily requirements but most beginning salaries start small anyway, and you should consider your first year or so of work merely as "schooling."

Even if you get no salary at all for a first job which was rich in experience, you'd be better off in the long run than taking any old job strictly for money. After all, if you had your heart set on being a teacher, you wouldn't ditch your chances because someone told you the working rates for inexperienced grave diggers were higher—or would you?

Harmonies are noteworthy, particularly Artie Shaw's The Blues in two parts and Peggy Lee vocal and Bewitched (Helen Forrest vocal).

The Wren.

ROSEMARY CLOONEY
The beautiful blonde Rosemary Clooney has also come in for high

Platter chatter

The first lot of Harmony records (pressed by Columbia) is a very fine assortment of new numbers and releases of really worthwhile old favourites.

Two excellent singers, Pearl Bailey and Rosemary Clooney are featured. I heard Pearl Bailey sing with Duke Ellington in London in the summer of 1948 and as Duke did not have his band with him, Miss Bailey practically saved the show from becoming too stereotyped.

Her latest Harmony sides are Who and Don't Ever Leave Me with The Charleaters and an orchestra under the direction of Mitchell Ayres. "Look" magazine advises record collectors to watch for this disc which is "sturdy and full-throated singing in a lady Bailey way with the arrangement for Don't Ever Leave Me coloured by a highly agile clarinet".

Hucklebuck and Baby, It's Cold Outside by Pearl and Hot Lips Page is a late arrival but nevertheless a record to be added to a collection.

praise in Look's Record Guide which reports her style as completely attractive, and I quote "It is soft, effortless and sultry. With the light songs, Rosemary Clooney is incomparable too."

She was the featured vocalist with Tony Pastor's band and one of her best sides with Pastor has been reported in this column. It's Columbia's "Yes, Yes, In Your Eyes".

Her latest Harmony record On, You Beautiful Doll and Don't Cry Joe will be a complete sell-out.

Another good coupling is Chicago with There's a Broken Heart for Every Light on Broadway.

Harmonies fans will welcome Larry Adler's Stormy Weather and Caravan.

Eddy Duchin has made a comeback with some fine dance numbers: Who Do You Know In Heaven; Now That I Need You; Jealous Heart and I'll Keep the Lovelight Burning.

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The Wren.

If you want to be a lawyer

By Colby Stilson

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If I were in my tens and thinking of becoming a lawyer, I should appreciate someone telling me what experience has taught me in my career.

Law encompasses all human activity, so obtain as broad a background of experience and education as possible—time enough to specialize later.

First, you must decide whether you want to be a lawyer, a decision not to be made lightly. Analyse your reasons, test your views by discussing them with those who have made a success at the bar.

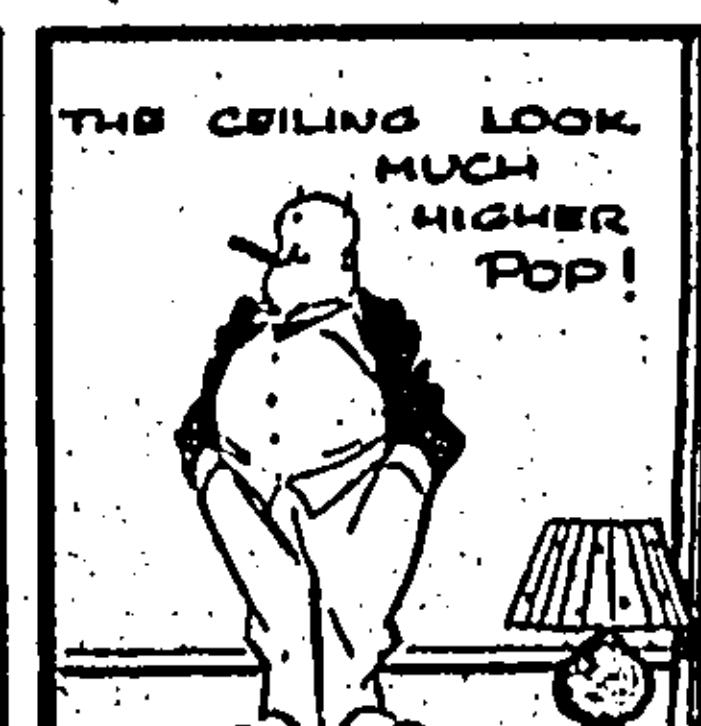
Be genuinely interested in people—not just one set, but all types and kind of people and carry your interest to such a point that you learn what makes them say and do what they say and do, because, after all, the ability to handle people is a prime requisite for success in the practice of law today.



Learn not to make snap, superficial decisions and yet learn to gather your facts quickly, analyse them, free from all prejudices and personalities, and come to a rapid conclusion on which you or the person you are advising can act.

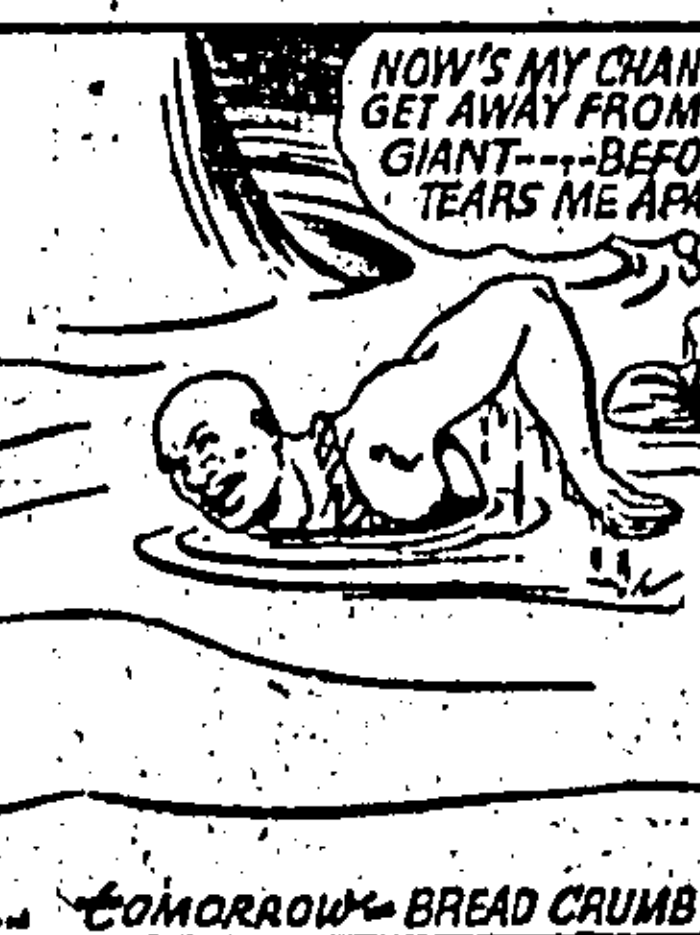
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1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.35—London Studio Melodious—Ceraide and His Concert Orchestra.

(BROADCASTS)

2.00—Close Down.

2.15—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

2.30—Concert by the Massed Bands—40th Infantry Division Pipes and Drums. (Relay from the Bookman Sports Ground, Hong Kong)

7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15—Election Talk—By Ernest Hill M.P. on behalf of the Labour Party. (London Relay Recorded)

7.45—"Generally Speaking"—"From London to Capetown with Jack Scott" (Part 4) (London Relay)

8.00—"From the Editorials"—(London Relay)

8.10—"Record Round-About"—Presented by Christine Shore. Variety Request Programme. (Studio)

9.10—"Forum Mid-Week Magazine"—Production by Ian Willshaw. (Studio)

10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15—Weather Report.

10.15—"French Cabaret".

10.45—Recital of Modern Violin Works by Glinette Neron.

11.00—Glen Miller and His Orchestra.

11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded)

God Save the King.

11.30—Close Down.

Red-and-blue edged airmail envelopes

Hong Kong's postal authorities do not intend to ban the use of red-and-blue edged airmail envelopes, the "China Mail" was officially informed yesterday.

Because such envelopes dazzle the eyes of the sorters, the British Post Office has prohibited their manufacture, according to a report from London.

In a letter to the Stationers' Association, the Envelope Makers' Association and to multiple stores, the British Post Office said: "Experience has shown that these multi-coloured envelopes are definitely embarrassing. For this reason the Postmaster-General is unable to approve them."

An extract from the Post Office Guide dealing with "Embarrassing Packets" and stating: "Packets embarrassing to Post Office staff are prohibited," accompanied the letter.

Envelopes at present in the possession of individuals will still be carried. The "China Mail" was officially told that as the use of the kind of envelope concerned is universal in the East there is no intention of banning it.

Entry permits for Taiwan, Hainan Chinese

Procedure in respect of documentation of Chinese passengers for return to Hong Kong from Taiwan or Hainan was announced yesterday.

The official statement said: "Bona fide residents of Hong Kong or businessmen who are now in Taiwan or Hainan, and who wish to travel to Hong Kong, should approach the agents of shipping or airline companies in Taiwan or Hainan, and make application for Entry Permits for this Colony."

"Forms of application are now in the possession of the shipping companies and airlines, and will be handed to intending travellers on personal application."

"Two photographs of the traveller must be handed in with the completed application form."

"Entry Permits will be issued by the Immigration Office, Hong Kong, on receipt of the completed application forms from the shipping companies and airline companies."

"Passengers are warned that unless they possess the necessary Entry Permits, they will not be permitted to land at Hong Kong."

Workers' debts discussed at Arbitration Tribunal

(Continued from Page 3)
"But before I adjourn the meeting there are two things I wish to say."

Public hearing

"The first is that in view of the fact that statements had been made involving the name of Mr. Cheuk, it was only right that the counter-statement of Mr. Cheuk should be put to the Tribunal at a public hearing. The Tribunal is not concerned to decide between the veracity of the two statements. That is not a matter for such a tribunal as this to deal with. As I said at the beginning of the proceedings we are concerned with debts only in so far as workers tell us or write to us as to the amounts and the rates of interest they are charged, without bringing in names of parties from whom they had contracted such debts. Whatever I may decide about this letter, this Tribunal cannot proceed to a long drawn-out discussion about this matter."

The Arbitrator was then asked by Mr. Woo Kuo, one of the workers' representatives, whether he had received a letter the representatives sent him the previous day.

"I have not received that letter yet," replied Professor Robertson.

Mr. Young Yan, another of the workers' representatives, asked what would be the matters for discussion at the meeting of the Tribunal the next day.

"The nature of tomorrow's meeting will be announced before we adjourn today. I will try to be as fair as possible, and I hope we may proceed further without irrelevant matter being brought in," said Professor Robertson.

The meeting then adjourned for 15 minutes to enable a translation of the workers' letter to be translated and its contents to be studied by the Arbitrator and the assessors.

Evidence of loans

When the Tribunal resumed Professor Robertson said he thought it was only fair to the Dairy Farm workers' representatives for him to say that the letter which they had handed in stated that the evidence which they had given as to loans incurred, as announced at the second meeting of the Tribunal, was true, and

Settlement in partnership dispute

A settlement in the partnership dispute being heard by the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, in the Supreme Court, involving the Kwong Kee Company, of 16 Connaught Road, Central.

This was announced in the morning by Mr. C. Loseby, K.C., counsel for plaintiff, Chao Yachon, alias Chiu Yat-wah, of 250 Wanchai Road, second floor.

Defendant in the action—which had started the day before yesterday—was Lai Ying-kong, of 16 Connaught Road, Central, third floor, who was the administrator of the estate of one W. K. Lai, deceased.

Mr. A. V. Hon, was for defendant. Mr. Loseby for plaintiff was instructed by Hastings and Company.

Chao had claimed for a declaration that he is the sole surviving partner of the import and export business in question, which he said was dissolved by the death of the deceased in 1946.

This was denied by the defendant, who had alleged that the present company was one which he started before deceased's death, and which had no connection with the old Kwong Kee Company.

Mr. Justice Williams yesterday accordingly recorded the settlement, the terms of which had previously been arranged out of Court.

Wong Nuen alias Yuen Ah-nuen, aged 17, was sentenced to two months hard labour by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of escaping from legal custody.

According to the prosecution defendant was sentenced to six months on August 4, 1949 in the Stanley Reformatory School.

On September 8 defendant was among one of 17 persons who escaped.

On Sunday defendant was detained by two constables at Shek Mei Village.

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3.45—"The Jumpin' Jacks".
3.55—"Do You Remember?"
4.00—B.B.C. News.
4.15—Candlelight and Silver.
4.30—Romantic Cycles.
4.45—The Sweetwood Servant.
4.55—Allen Roy's Symphony of Melody.
5.00—B.B.C. News.
5.10—Local News.
5.15—"These You Have Loved"
5.30—"Musical Comedy Theatre"
5.45—Harmony Lane.
5.55—"Ring up the Curtain"
6.10—"Bandstand"
6.15—Bandstand.
6.20—Close Down.

HOLIDAY IN U.S.

New York, February 13.
Domestic security and commodity exchanges closed today in observance of Lincoln's Birthday.
On Wednesday, February 22, similar closing schedule will be followed as the nation observes Washington's birthday.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Seattle, February 13.
Steamship Company arrived from Guam. Fleetwood from Okinawa. Departure, James O'Hara for Yokohama.

San Francisco, The Norwegian motorship Trafalgar arrived from Yokohama.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

STATES STEAMSHIP COMPANY

S.S. "IDAHO"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on February 18, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after February 19, 1950 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before February 28, 1950 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents

Hong Kong, February 15, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

S.S. "BENALDER"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on February 20, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after February 21, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before March 7, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO.

(CHINA), LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, February 14, 1950.

P.O.B.I.E. & A. COMPANIES

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL S.N. CO.

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

OUTWARDS LEAVES LONDON DUN HONGKONG

s.s. "CORFU" 17th Feb. (noon) 20th March
s.s. "CANTON" 18th March 17th April
s.s. "CARHAGE" 14th April 15th May
s.s. "CORFU" 15th May 15th June
s.s. "CANTON" 16th June 15th July
s.s. "CARHAGE" 17th July 15th August

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

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Accepting Cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London.

FREIGHT SERVICE

OUTWARDS DUN HONGKONG FROM

s.s. "KHYBER" In port London & Continent.
s.s. "SOCOTRA" 18th March —

LEAVES HONGKONG FOR

s.s. "KHYBER" 18th February Kobe & Yokohama
s.s. "SOCOTRA" 18th April London & Continent.

Accepting Cargo for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Hamburg, Antwerp & Rotterdam. With liberty to call at Bombay if inducement offers.

TANKS AVAILABLE FOR CARRIAGE OF OIL IN BULK.
SPACE FOR REFRIGERATED CARGO. LIMITED PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION.

BRITISH INDIA S.N. CO., LTD.

s.s. "BIRDHANA" due 26th Feb. from Calcutta via Rangoon & Straits.

s.s. "TAIREA" sails 28th Feb. for Japan, from Calcutta via Rangoon & Straits.

s.s. "SHIRALA" sails 14th Mar. for Japan, from Calcutta via Rangoon & Straits.

s.s. "SHIRALA" sails 19th Mar. for Calcutta via Straits.

* These ships have Refrigerated Cargo space.

P. & O.B.I. JOINT SERVICE

s.s. "LANDAURA" due 16th Feb. from Japan, for Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi & Persia; Gulf, from Bombay.

s.s. "MOORCOT" due 19th Feb. for Japan, from Persia Gulf via Bombay & Straits.

s.s. "TOWERGRANGE" due 23rd Feb. from Persia Gulf via Bombay & Straits.

s.s. "EYROS" due early Mar. for Calcutta via Straits.

* Accepts cargo on through Bills of Lading for Persian Gulf Ports.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. CO., LTD.

s.s. "NELLORE" sails 20th Mar. for Japan.

s.s. "NELLORE" sails mid Apr. for Australia.

* Accepts cargo for New Zealand & Pacific Island ports on through bills of lading.

All vessels have liberty to call at any ports on or off the route, and the routes and sailings are subject to change or amendment with or without notice.

For full particulars apply to:
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.
Telephone Nos. 27721-4.

ISTHMIAN LINE
(Isthmian Steamship Company, New York)

DIRECT MONTHLY SAILINGS TO NEW YORK

VIA LOS ANGELES AND PANAMA

"STEEL WORKER" 2nd Mar.
"STEEL EXECUTIVE" 13th Mar.
"ST. AUGUSTINE VICTORY" 3rd Apr.

* Tanks available for Bulk Oil.

ARRIVALS FROM U.S.A.

"STEEL SEAFARER" 20th Feb.
Sails for Saigon, Bangkok & Batavia 21st Feb.

"STEEL NAVIGATOR" 4th Mar.

GILMAN & CO., LTD.

Tel. 31146

Chinese Freight Agents—HIN FAT & CO., LTD.

Tels. 28823, 25553 & 23483.



ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE

m.v. "NAGARA" Sails for Kobe & Yokohama 10th Mar.

m.v. "HEMLAND" 21st Mar.

m.v. "TONGHAI" 24th Apr.

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

m.v. "BOHEME" 27th Feb.

m.v. "NAGARA" End Mar.

For
ADEN, PORT SAID, GENOA, MARSEILLES, TANGIER,
CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN,
HAMBURG, COPENHAGEN, OSLO & GOTHENBURG

* Passenger accommodation available

GILMAN & CO., LTD.

Tel. 31146

ROYAL INTEROCEANIC LINES

SINGAPORE, JAVA, PORTS and MACASSAR

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJIBADAK"	17th Feb.	21st Feb.
"TJADANE"	18th Feb.	22nd Feb.
"TJITALENGKA"	19th Feb.	23rd Feb.
"VAN HEUTZ"	20th Feb.	24th Feb.

* Only to Singapore, Penang & Bawean Deli.

MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"RUYS"	18th Feb.	23rd Feb.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	19th Feb.	24th Feb.
"BOISSEvain"	20th Feb.	25th Feb.

JAPAN

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"RUYS"	21st Feb.	16th Feb.
"TJIPONDOK"	22nd Feb.	17th Feb.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	23rd Feb.	18th Feb.
"BOISSEvain"	24th Feb.	19th Feb.

Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE

EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"HEEMSKERK"	25th Feb.	26th Feb.

Through S/L issued to Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"HEEMSKERK"	25th Feb.	26th Feb.

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING TELEPHONES: 28015-10-28017

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U. S. ORIENT MERCHANT LINE.

ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"CLEO"	N.Y. & GULF PORTS	Discharging Buoy A-B
"DINGWALL"	NEW YORK	Abt. 20th Feb.
"ANDREAS"	GALVESTON	23rd Feb.
"AGATHI"	EAST COAST/U.S.A.	1st Mar.
"NORLAGO"	GALVESTON	14th Mar.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO., (CHINA) LTD.

AGENTS.

York Building Tel. 34165

DE LA RAMA LINES

S.S. "DONA AURORA" due 14th Mar.

M.S. "DONA NATI" due 25th Mar.

Arriving via Manila from U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

Agents

1, Connaught Road, C. Tel. 30331

AMERICAN PIONEER LINE

to and from Atlantic Coast Ports of the United States and Far Eastern Ports

NEW FAST CARGO SHIPS

ARRIVALS FROM ATLANTIC

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"AMERICAN REPORTER"	Feb. 27	
"PIONEER LAKE"	Mar. 17	
"PIONEER WAVE"	Mar. 26	

SAILING TO MANILA

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"AMERICAN REPORTER" (via Yokohama)	Feb. 28	
"PIONEER LAKE" (Keelung, Fusan)	Mar. 18	
"PIONEER WAVE" (via Yokohama)	Mar. 27	

SAILINGS TO NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA via JAPAN & PANAMA CANAL

SHIP	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"PIONEER DALE"	Arr. Feb. 20	Sails Feb. 22
"AMERICAN REPORTER"	Mar. 25	Mar. 27
"PIONEER LAKE"	Apr. 6	Apr. 8

For rates, special information call

UNITED STATES LINES

Queen's Bldg. Tel. 28196

The above list indicates the principal ports of loading and discharge as currently intended, subject to change. For further information, see schedule at the Company's Office.

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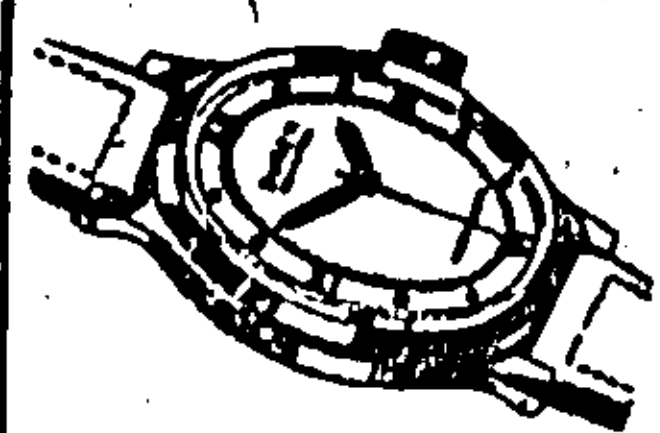
SYRIA-EGYPT TRADE PACT NEGOTIATIONS

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The market was quiet yesterday.

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Sports Pause



Badminton Championships

FUNK, HOWE TRIUMPH IN EXCITING DOUBLES

(By "ARGONAUT")

In what was the finest Doubles match seen so far in the Colony Badminton Championships, Bill Funk and S. K. Howe of Shillanders beat University's T. T. Chin and M. T. Yeow in the main event of last night's games at Club de Recreo.

Although the match went to only two sets, the ability of all the four players to smash hard and receive terrific smashes, provided the packed galleries with some exciting and prolonged rallies.

Out of the six matches played last night, three of them went to the full distance of three sets.

K. S. Thong of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and H. J. Xavier of Recreo both took more than their allotted time to finish their games. After winning the first set comfortably by 15-5, Thong slipped badly in the second set. Failure to continue his winning tactics, gave Xavier a commanding lead of 13-6, which he never relinquished until the set point was scored. In the third set, Xavier's anxiety came into prominence, and brought him several vital points, which enabled him to edge out the Chinese player 18-15.

The experience of Miss M. Ribeiro and the speed and excellent net play by Miss R. Rosario enabled them to run away with the first set in their match against Miss Yully Franco and Miss Inez Soares. In the second set, Yully and Inez overcame their nervousness and awe of their opponents' reputation, putting up a more than creditable performance. Yully struck a brilliant patch in this set and there were times when she even outscored the winners. At one stage, Yully and Inez were leading by 7-5 but were not able to keep the lead. A series of errors by them allowed Marie and Margie to add four points, then two points and finally three more points for set and match.

Junior doubles

In the Junior Men's Doubles, R. S. Gourley and W. S. Brown put up a much better performance than expected. Brown, especially was conspicuous with some fine smashes and retrievals. The experience of veteran Davis Capper, Gordon Lum and the youthful speed of the schoolboys' Singles tennis champion, Benzin Saw, however prevailed, until the end of the third set. The mother-and-son combination of K. Y. Tso and Mrs. W. K. Tso, staged a grand recovery after losing the first set, to enter

the next round of the Junior Mixed Doubles Championship. M. Kempton, another promising young player of the Colony, stole some of the spotlight in his match with an exhibition of beautiful coverage of the court. A last moment slip to his backhand strokes is the latest addition to his repertoire of strokes, and with improvement in his forehand strokes and fewer errors, he should go far in this year's Junior Singles.

The Championships will be continued on February 21.

Full results

Schoolboys' Singles:
Lau Chew-kan (St. Joseph's) v Edward C. Y. Hsi (Hua Kiu) postponed.

Schoolboys' Doubles:
Y. Khun and A. A. Oza Rene- (La Salle) beat C. Olson and E. Gutierrez (St. Joseph's) 15-11.

Junior Men's Singles:
H. J. Xavier (Recreo) beat K. S. Thong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) 5-15, 15-8, 18-17.

Ladies' Doubles:
Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. M. Rosario (Recreo) beat Miss Y. Franco and Miss I. Soares 15-1, 15-8.

Junior Men's Doubles:
Gordon Lum and Benzin Saw (Shillanders) beat W. S. Brown and R. S. Gourley, 15-8, 14-18, 15-4.

Junior Mixed Doubles:
K. S. Tso and Mrs. W. K. Tso (Chung Wan) beat M. Kempton and Miss J. Greenhalgh (Kwloon Ducks), 9-15, 17-15, 15-11.

Senior Men's Doubles:
Bill Funk and S. K. Howe (Shillanders) beat M. T. Yeow and T. T. Chin (University) 15-9, 15-7.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Singapore, February 14.
Hong Kong Land Forces had a last minute rugby win over Malaya district in Singapore yesterday, scoring 14 points to 9. —Reuter.

London, February 13.
Newcastle's Cross Keys by six points to three in a Rugby Union match played today. —Reuter.

London, February 13.
England will play Italy in an extra "B" Association Football International in Milan on May 11.

The other England "B" games are against Holland "B" on May 17 and against Luxembourg on May 20. —Reuter.

Philadelphia, February 13.
Jersey Joe Walcott will not fight Holm Ten Hoff at Eslingen, Germany, on May 7 unless the bout is arranged "on the original terms we agreed". Walcott's manager, Felix Boechiochio said today. —Associated Press.

London, February 13.
Mahmoud El Karim, the Egyptian holder of the Open Squash Racquets Championship, played superbly to beat the British professional, Ernest Lowe, 9-4, 9-0, 9-0 in the first round of the £350 Dunlop Open professional tournament today. —Reuter.

Aspen, Colorado, February 13.
A protest by the coach of the Italian team at the World Ski Championship meeting here has been settled by placing 100 one-inch poles as "gates" on the slalom course. —Reuter.

London, February 13.
The Council of the Football Association have rescinded an earlier ruling that the season of 1950-51 shall begin on the last Saturday in August, 1950; and on the first Saturday in May, 1951.

The next season will start on the last Saturday but one in August (19th) and end on the first Sunday in May (5th), the same period as the present season. —Reuter.

Johannesburg, February 13.
South Africa needed 41 runs with three wickets in hand to avoid the follow-on against Australia in the fourth cricket Test here.

When play closed today South Africa had scored 275 runs for seven wickets in reply to Australia's first innings total of 405 runs for eight declared.

YMCA swimming pool turned into lounge

The swimming pool in the European YMCA has been turned into a temporary lounge to accommodate the many functions organised by the Association to benefit the Services.

The pool has been covered with wooden flooring supported on beams. It took 10 days to construct and will be dismantled late in April when the swimming season begins.

Before the war, the "Y" provided winter swimming facilities. This has been abandoned. The swimming pool, in future winter months, will be converted to the present state to provide space for socials.

The swimming pool lounge is at the moment furnished with tables and chairs. Recreational facilities in this lounge include ping-pong, darts, dancing, whist, bridge and mah-jong drives.

TENNIS STARS RETURN

Hong Kong tennis stars returned by Air France to the Colony yesterday after a brief visit to Saigon where their exhibitions have gained much admiration in the French Colony.

Those returning yesterday were Ip Koon-hung, George Chen, Choy Tin-tuk and C. N. Tzu.

The Indian tennis representatives to the Philippines National Championships held in Manila recently, passed through the Colony yesterday en route to Calcutta. The pair were D. K. Bose and S. Mitra.

They will be enplaning for India tomorrow by Pan American Airways.

HKDF BEAT LEICESTERS 2-0

In an Inter-Unit Hockey Competition game at Bookwumpo yesterday, the Hong Kong Defence Force beat Leicester 2-0. Goals were scored by (1) M. K. Chan and (2) M. K. Chan.

BURMA FOOTBALL TEAM ARRIVES

The Burmese football team arrived yesterday by a specially chartered Siamese Airways plane. The party, which included 18 players and three officials, was met at Kai Tak Airport by several members of the Hong Kong Football Association, headed by Mr. R. M. Omar, Secretary of the HKFA.

The first remark of the visitors on arrival was about the cold weather in Hong Kong. During the Chinese New Year holidays, the Burmese will be taking part in a series of games against local teams.

Ten sketches of the Burmese team and officials:—

Officials
U. BA E—President, Burma Olympic Association, Chairman, Burma Athletic Association, Managing Director, Burma Agencies Ltd.
U. Mg Mg Gai—Assistant Lecturer, University of Rangoon, Manager and Honorary Coach.
Chan Kim Tai—Liaison Officer.
Law Hock Lye—Liaison Officer.
U. Mg Mg Gyi—Photographer.

Goalkeepers
1. S. R. Aukim—Preventive Officer, Union of Burma Customs, 27 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1939. Joined the Navy in 1941 and played against strong strong Army and Air Force teams in Charity matches. Played for the All-Burma Evacuee XI in the IFA Shield in Calcutta. Played for the Navy against Army teams in India and Ceylon. In 1946 played for the BAA against a Selected British Army Team. Represented Lower Burma in 1947 and in 1948 was selected for International matches. In 1949 represented Burma in 12 out of 15 International matches, against Saigon, Malaya, Pakistan and Sweden.

2. Saw Mya Zin—Inspector, State Agricultural Marketing Board, 25 years, played in District Teams since 1936 and in 1946 played for the Burma Navy. Played 1st Div. Football in 1948 and was a member of the Team that won League honours.

Full backs
3. Tin Lay—Inspector, State Agricultural Marketing Board, 27 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1942. Selected for Lower Burma in 1947 and played for Burma against the IFA Team in Calcutta. Represented Burma in International matches against Pakistan, India, Saigon, Malaya and Sweden.

4. F. Myint—Sub-Inspector of Police, 22 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1946. Represented Burma in International matches against India, Pakistan, Saigon and Sweden.

5. G. Rodicks—Assistant Engineer, Burma Railways, 31 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1939. Represented Burma in International matches against India, Pakistan, Saigon and Sweden.

6. H. G. Munro—(Capt.) Preventive Officer, Union of Burma Customs, 31 years. Left half. Played 1st Div. Football since 1932. Represented Lower Burma for a number of years. Represented Burma in International matches against India, Pakistan, Malaya, Saigon and Sweden and also against Islington Corinthians and South China.

7. Hia Kyang—(Capt.) Preventive Officer, Union of Burma Customs, 23 years. Right half. In addition to football, excelled in boxing. Played 1st Div. Football since 1942, represented Lower Burma and played in International matches against India, Pakistan, Saigon and Sweden.

8. Burma Man Intang—Burma Army, 24 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1946. Represented Burma in International matches against India, Pakistan, Saigon and Sweden.

9. Cpl. Saw Ni—Burma Army, 24 years. Played 1st Division Football since 1945. Represented Burma in International matches against India, Pakistan, Saigon and Sweden.

Forwards
11. T. Boonard—Preventive Officer, Union of Burma Customs, 28 years. Left Wing. Played 1st Division Football since 1939. Played for Lower Burma and was included in the team that played against India, Pakistan, Malaya, Saigon and Sweden.

12. SA Than—Sub-Inspector of Police, 31 years. Inside left and right. Has played in all positions except goal. Played 1st Div. Football and represented Burma in International matches against India, Pakistan, Malaya, Saigon and Sweden. Is also a long distance and Marathon runner.

13. Sein Hine—Sub-Inspector of Police, 29 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1940. Represented Lower Burma and played in International matches against India, Pakistan, Malaya, Saigon and Sweden.

Sweden is a reserve left wing. Can also play inside left.

14. Capt. Gwan Shein—Burma Army, 23 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1945. Represented Burma in International matches against India, Pakistan, Malaya, Saigon and Sweden.

15. Major B. Shaw—Burma Army, 33 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1939 and 1941. Represented Burma in International matches against India, Pakistan, Malaya, Saigon and Sweden. Is the only forward who has the proud distinction of scoring two goals against the Swedes.

16. F. Pugsley—Assistant Manager, Burma Agencies Ltd., 34 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1940 and represented the Union ever since. Won fame against the Taino Team in 1939/40. Represented All-India during the War. Created many goal scoring records, once scoring 15 goals in 2 consecutive matches in the All India Provincial Tournament at Bombay in 1945. Played as inside left now playing centre forward. Has scored over 600 goals in his career.

17. T. Vandoekum—Traffic Officer, Union of Burma Airways, 30 years. (Flying Dutchman). Played 1st Div. Football since 1939. Represented Lower Burma in 1939. Played against the Taino Team in 1940 and represented Burma in International matches against India, Pakistan, Malaya, Saigon and Sweden. (Right wing).

18. Maung—Inspector, State Agricultural Marketing Board, 30 years. Played 1st Div. Football since 1945. Represented Burma in International matches. Is a reserve right wing and is very fast.

Softball:
An eleven-game programme of softball entertainment has been arranged for the Chinese New Year Holidays, with the semi-finals of the International Series taking the spotlight.

Two exhibition games, in which selected ladies teams will meet squads from the Services, will help cement friendship among the softball fraternity, while USS H. A. Boss take on a junior league outfit managed by Bim Abiong.

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Rugger:

Interport against Saigon over Chinese New Year holidays; Club XV selected

(By "J. T. STUD")

DRAW FOR F.A. CUP SIXTH ROUND

London, February 13.
The draw for the sixth round of the Football Association Cup, held today, resulted as follows:

Chesterfield or Chelsea v Manchester United or Portsmouth, Derby County v Everton, Liverpool v Wolverhampton Wanderers or Blackpool, and Arsenal v Leeds United.

Ties are to be played on March 4. Until the three fifth round games are replayed on Wednesday, it will not be possible to obtain a clear-cut picture of the draw.

Arsenal, drawn at home for the fourth successive time, meet Leeds United, the only Second Division side definitely through the fifth round.

Only one other tie, Derby v Everton, is definite. Everton will be meeting their First Division opponents for the first time, and Derby County, the favourites at present with 16 goals in four Cup games, should come out victorious. —Reuter.

WAH YAN CAGERS TO MEET TEAM FROM USS BOXER

A basketball game has been arranged for this evening between a team from the USS Boxer and Wah Yan College.

The Wah Yan College cagers are the reigning champions in the Hong Kong Schools Basketball League.

The game is to take place at the Chinese YMCA Stadium, Bridges Street, Hong Kong, at 7.30 p.m.

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Interesting programme for Chinese New Year holidays arranged

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The conclusion of the Preliminary Round among the Senior leagues has given statistical Phil Remedios time for a re-check of the batting averages.

Spiky Gutierrez leading the list was found to have one time at bat omitted, but despite the correction, the Brave outfielder still leads with an average of .429.

Holiday programme

Full holiday programme with umpires and scorers:

11 a.m.—USA v Pakistan (Men's International) (Don Robbins, Ren Segular, Chas. Figueroa, Ed. R. Nunes).

1 p.m.—Philippine Is. v Great Britain (Ladies' International) (Y.C. Mei, Wally Ma, Tony Kwok, Ben Barretto).

Saturday:
10 a.m.—Spartans v Aces (Junior League) (Skelly Razack, Bob Low, Igmar Erikson, Tony Brink).

11:30 a.m.—Ladies v Services (Exhibition).

1 p.m.—USS H.A. Boss v Junior League Selection.

3 p.m.—China v Portugal (Men's International) (Hal Wingless, Don Robbins, Tiger Russell, Bim Abiong).

Sunday:
9 a.m.—Griffins v Pandas (Junior League) (Gilly Vas, F. Compas, Squelley, Bernard Silva).

The Saigon Rugby Union XV will make history on Saturday, February 18, by meeting the Club Interport side on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 3.30 p.m.

This match will be the first of the present series and the first ever to be played between the two "ports".

Sir Alexander Grantham, the Governor, as well as the French Consul General, who has presented a trophy for the match, will be present.

It is extremely difficult to try and draw a comparison between the respective fifteen which will take part in this contest.

Needles to say, the Southern visitors are likely to be the stronger contingent, as the team constitutes the pick of the best players in Saigon.

Preliminary reports indicate that the Frenchmen are extremely agile and fast, although they have not had much practice together as a team; their side, however, was selected over a fortnight ago and in the interim, they will no doubt have had several practice matches.

Club more fortunate

The Club in this respect are more fortunate, having played together all season through a hectic tournament and this knowledge should stand them in good stead.

On Tuesday, February 21, at 4.30 p.m. the Saigonites will play a Hong Kong selection; unfortunately, the latter stars will not be back in time to participate, but it is hoped that the Royal Navy and Commando stalwarts will be available.

The Club Interport XV which was selected last Monday evening following a full training session, is as follows:—

Lachlan, Mackie, D. Henderson, Turville, De Rome, Nolan, J. R. Henderson, Carrill, Forsgate, Meffan, Wynyard, Minto, Farquharson, Taylor, Warrne.

Reserve: A. Stewart and Fitzroy Williams.

P. Hutson's omission, as he is not available, comes as a shock and disappointment, for he is at the top of his form and recent displays mark him as one of the finest forwards in the Colony.

Taylor returns
A. J. Taylor, who has been honoured on many occasions, returns to the side; his weight and line-out work probably tipped the scales in favour of his inclusion.

The composition of the touring side to play the first match will be selected from the following:—

Pen portraits:
Pen portraits of the Club XV: D. Lachlan: (1) Actually a scrum-half, but is developing into a sound full-back; possess a powerful kick and hard tackle.

De Rome: (5) Very difficult to stop; heavy and fast wing three who crashes the line.

G. Turville: (4) The hardest runner of the Club three; safe hands and a good tackle.

D. Henderson: (3) A well equipped centre, with a good "dummy".

J. Mackie: (2) Robust wing three, has made tremendous strides this season.

D. Nolan: (6) Captain. Polished stand-off; very quick to seize an opening and possesses a clever defensive kick.

A. J. Taylor: (14) F. R. Henderson: (7) Have both taken part in many Interports; only pre-war members still playing.

I. V. Carrell: (6) Weight 210 lbs. A big forward who makes good use of his weight in the tight and line-outs.

Men's Junior League:
Blackhawks 13 3 811
Jaguars 11 4 723
Rexes 11 4 728
Overseas 10 8 675
Spartans 7 9 459
Braves 6 8 429
Pandas 5 10 332
Griffins 3 12 200
Delawares 3 12 189

Ladies' Senior League:
Wahona 5 1 333
Canadians 3 3 400
Wilsons 2 3 400
Pirates 1 4 200

Ladies' Junior League:
St. Teresa 7 1 375
White Tigers 6 2 703
Squaws 4 3 371
Clowns 2 4 288
Pandas 0 2 000

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